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for the  
**TOWN of  
BENNINGTON  
NEW HAMPSHIRE**

## SIDNEY HUNTINGTON

Long time resident Sidney Huntington passed away in February 2003. "Sid" was a jack-of-all trades. Throughout the years he could be found building stonewalls, driving a school bus or maintaining Bennington streets as one of the last elected Road Agents. During his tenure with the Town of Bennington he was the Highway Department's only full-time employee; he also was responsible for overseeing the "Dump" operations.

Prior to moving to Bennington in 1948, Sid served in the United States Army; spending time in Iwo Jima.

Among other things, in his spare time Sid enjoyed his family, carpentry, caning and making maple syrup. He was a very talented man who made time for all. Those whose lives he touched miss him.



## PORRIDGE ANYONE?

On a beautiful day this past Fall, this Mama bear and her two cubs found a tree on North Bennington Road "just right" for hanging out on a Sunday afternoon. Those lucky enough to be passing by caught a rare glimpse of nature at its best. The family was gone by the next morning.

Photo courtesy of Kristy Boulé

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## SELECTMEN'S MESSAGE

2003 was a busy year felt in many areas of town life.

We welcome Crotched Mountain Ski & Ride Area to the Town of Bennington. Since 1989 the ski area has been dormant. In a fifteen-month time period the face of Crotched Mountain was dramatically changed and a rejuvenated ski area opened in December. We are encouraged by the willingness of Peak Resorts to embrace the community. As an example of this they recently presented the Town with a \$2,500 check to offset an increase in the 2004 ambulance service appropriation.

The Board of Selectmen is disheartened with the obvious lack of citizenry interest in their town government and school administration. Your Selectmen and school officials try very hard to make the best decisions for all. We hold weekly meetings, hold public hearings and at every step of the way encourage voter participation. The majority of your tax dollar goes to the Conval School District, yet only three-dozen people throughout the school district attended the Hearing where a Budget of thirty-four million dollars was proposed. Likewise, only one resident without family ties to a town employee or Board member took the time to attend the First Session for review and approval of the 2004 Town Warrant.

The long-standing position of past and present Boards of Selectmen that no construction is permitted on Class VI roadways was challenged this year. Under the umbrella of RSA 674:41, the Subdivision Regulations and the Zoning Ordinance, the Board of Selectmen's policy has been to require a Class VI road to be brought up to Class V road standards prior to issuing a building permit. In keeping with their philosophy, the Selectmen denied a building permit for construction on the Class VI portion of Mountain Road.

As provided for by Statute the property owner filed an Administrative Appeal with the Zoning Board of Adjustment. At a Public Hearing in April Zoning Board members voted to grant an exception in accordance with RSA 674:41 thereby giving the property owner permission to construct a home on a Class VI road. The Zoning Board went beyond their jurisdiction and determined roadway construction specifications and approved language for an Agreement and Release. In May the Board of Selectmen filed a Motion for Rehearing in accordance with RSA 677:2. The Zoning Board of Adjustment voted to deny the Board of Selectmen's request to rehear ZBA Case 2003-01. The Selectmen voted to petition the Superior Court for Rehearing. Late in the year the Selectmen and the property owner drafted an Agreement, which would remove the case from the Court. The Agreement is not finalized as of yet.

Throughout 2003 the Board of Selectmen spent considerable time enforcing and administering the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance. Three property owners have been brought into court for refusing to comply with Article XVI(B) – Requirements of a Building Permit. The Town has been successful in Court on two of these cases; the third case is still active. Legal fees incurred are being reimbursed to the Town.



At the 2003 annual meeting the voters approved an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance; Unsafe Structures. No owner or occupant of land shall permit buildings ruined by fire or natural causes to be left indefinitely. The Selectmen immediately put this provision into action and addressed two properties where the roof of an unoccupied building had caved in. The two property owners responded very differently. One was more than willing to work with the Selectmen and ultimately removed the hazardous building and cleaned up their property. The second owner refused to cooperate and the case went to Court. The Court has ordered the Town to remove the hazardous property; associated costs will be liened against the real estate.

This spring the Selectmen will revisit those properties where an accumulation of junk vehicles remain. This is an ongoing pursuit to bring all properties into compliance with local and state ordinances.

In the next few months the Town's revaluation of all property will be completed. As of this writing all of the measuring and listings have been completed; interior inspections will be completed within the next month. We anticipate the property owners will receive their preliminary assessment value in late May or early June.

The Selectmen expect the new assessment values to be substantially higher than the ones in place from the 1991 revaluation of property. To that end the Selectmen are proposing changes in the Elderly Exemption program. Exemptions of assessed values for qualified taxpayers would be increased as well as the asset and net income limits. We encourage a "Yes" vote on Warrant Article 5 in support of our elderly taxpayers.

A final note on the revaluation; the existing tax rate of \$30.49 will tumble down. Please don't apply the 2003 tax rate to the 2004 assessment value when you receive your information. As a rule of thumb - whenever assessed values go up, the tax rate per thousand goes down.

The 2003 tax rate was up \$4.79; \$3.36 of which was attributed to the Conval School District. Since 1996 the funding of expenses of the school district has been apportioned 50% on average daily membership and 50% on the equalized valuation of each town. Prior to 1996 the funding of the school district was based on **75% enrollment and 25% on equalization value**. To illustrate the tax savings to Bennington property owners recognized when the formula was changed in 1996 we offer the following information:

|                       |         |
|-----------------------|---------|
| 1995 Tax Rate (75/25) | \$36.17 |
| 1996 Tax Rate (50/50) | \$29.83 |
| 2003 Tax Rate (50/50) | \$30.49 |

We encourage you to apply your assessed value to the 1995 tax rate and then again to the 2003 tax rate. The difference represents your personal savings!

On the 2004 School Warrant you will find a petitioned warrant article asking the voters to change the school funding formula back to **75% enrollment and 25% equalized valuation**. Passage of this article would be disastrous to the Bennington taxpayers. It is imperative that you help us – help yourself – by getting out to vote on March 9<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to encourage your friends

and neighbors, here and in the neighboring Conval communities, to vote **NO** on a change to the school funding formula.

In July the Selectmen applied for a \$700,000 Transportation Enhancement Program Grant. The Town of Bennington proposes reconstruction of approximately 2,800 feet of roadside in the downtown Village area (Cross Street, School Street and Main Street) to restore definition of pedestrian access by way of sidewalks and crosswalks, delineation of roadway and parking with granite curbing, narrowing existing pavement on the existing one-way loop, define access point to private properties, improve roadside drainage, and enhance the aesthetics of the streetscape.

Recognizing the need to plan and implement repairs to the Town’s sidewalks, a Capital Reserve Fund was established in 2002. At year-end the Fund balance was \$40,767; an \$11,000 appropriation has been included in the 2004 Budget. Should Bennington be awarded the Transportation Enhancement Program Grant the Town will eventually have to raise an additional \$88,000 to fulfill its sponsorship of 20%.

This past year brought many staff changes. Administrator Bill Reid retired after ten years of service; veteran employee Denise French replaced him. Dawn Bond moved into the position vacated by Dee. Mark Chase was promoted to Fire Chief, Joseph O’Brien to Second Deputy Fire Chief. Recreation Committee leaders Phil Germain, Sfa Whittemore and Dotti Zabriskie retired from the Committee. Trustee of Trust Funds Jim Dodge resigned at the end of the year when he moved out of town. As we write this Message we recognize Jim Cleary, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen for his ten years of service. Jim will be retiring from the Board next month. To those who have been promoted we wish you continued success. For those of you who have retired from your position we wish you the best of health and happiness and extend to you our heartfelt gratitude for your commitment and service to the Town of Bennington.

We thank the Town’s public officials, employees and volunteers for their dedicated service to the community.

There is always a need for volunteers to serve a wide range of positions – from Firefighter to Trustee of the Trust Funds, from Recreation Committee to Zoning Board. Most volunteer positions do not consume a lot of time. Please call or stop by Town Hall to discuss your area of interest. You can make a difference!

James W. Cleary, Chairman

Joseph C. Cuddemi

Terry D. Schnare

## **TOWN OFFICERS**

### **MODERATOR**

John J. Cronin, III

Term Expires 2004

### **SELECTMEN**

James W. Cleary, Chairman

Term Expires 2004

Joseph C. Cuddemi

Term Expires 2005

Terry D. Schnare

Term Expires 2006

### **TOWN CLERK**

Debra Belcher

Term Expires 2004

### **TOWN TREASURER**

Joyce L. Miner

Term Expires 2004

### **TAX COLLECTOR**

Denise P. French

Appointed

### **ROAD AGENT**

David Blanchard

Appointed

### **LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

Michelle Hautanen

Term Expires 2004

Elisabeth A. Shingler

Term Expires 2005

Carrie Whittemore

Term Expires 2006

### **FOREST FIRE WARDENS**

Mark Chase, Warden

Appointed

### **SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE**

Joseph MacGregor

Term Expires 2006



## **BUDGET COMMITTEE**

Appointed by Moderator

Robyn Manley, Chairman  
Lucien Lizotte

Harvey Goodwin  
Brent Paradis

Scott Sweeney

## **SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE**

Appointed by Selectmen

Joseph Cuddemi

Philip Germain

Donald Parker

## **SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST**

Darlene McKenney  
Barbara Moorehead  
Victoria L. Turner

Term Expires 2004  
Term Expires 2004  
Term Expires 2006

## **TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS**

James Dodge, Chairman  
Francesco Carrara  
Mae Lizotte

Term Expires 2004  
Term Expires 2005  
Term Expires 2006

## **OFFICER OF HEALTH/WELFARE**

Barbara Huntley

Appointed

## **CHIEF OF POLICE**

C. Stephen Campbell

Appointed

## **ADMINISTRATOR**

Denise P. French

Appointed

## **CEMETERY TRUSTEES**

Charles E. Zabriskie, Jr.  
Philip Traxler  
Jill Young

Term Expires 2004  
Term Expires 2005  
Term Expires 2006

## **PLANNING BOARD**

|                           |                   |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Catriona D.M. Beck        | Term Expires 2004 |
| Peter Eppig               | Term Expires 2004 |
| Terry Schnare, Ex-Officio | Term Expires 2004 |
| Letitia A. Rice           | Term Expires 2005 |
| Jeff Rose (Alternate)     | Term Expires 2005 |
| Philip Germain, Chairman  | Term Expires 2006 |

## **ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

|                        |                   |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| David Beck, Chairman   | Term Expires 2004 |
| Peter Martel           | Term Expires 2004 |
| Barbara Goodwin        | Term Expires 2005 |
| Judy Heddy (Alternate) | Term Expires 2005 |
| John Tyler             | Term Expires 2005 |
| James Trow (Alternate) | Term Expires 2005 |
| Francesco Carrara      | Term Expires 2006 |

## **BUILDING INSPECTOR**

|                          |           |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| Chester D. Heinzman, Jr. | Appointed |
|--------------------------|-----------|

## **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Appointed by Selectmen

|                           |                   |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Jonathan Manley, Chairman | Term Expires 2004 |
| Dennis McKenney           | Term Expires 2004 |
| Letitia Rice              | Term Expires 2004 |
| Bruce Edes                | Term Expires 2005 |
| Joseph MacGregor          | Term Expires 2005 |
| Terry Schnare             | Term Expires 2006 |

## **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN COMMITTEE**

Appointed by Selectmen

|                |                            |                |
|----------------|----------------------------|----------------|
| Joseph Cuddemi | Peter Eppig                | John French    |
| Philip Germain |                            | Harvey Goodwin |
|                | Joseph MacGregor, Chairman |                |

## **WATER & SEWER COMMISSIONERS**

|                  |                   |
|------------------|-------------------|
| Nick Collemacine | Term Expires 2004 |
| Glenn Wilson     | Term Expires 2005 |
| Rob Horn         | Term Expires 2006 |

## **NEWHALL PARK BOARD**

Appointed by Selectmen

|                          |                   |
|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Joyce Desaulniers        | Term Expires 2004 |
| Brian Whittemore         | Term Expires 2004 |
| Cilla Roberts, Alternate | Term Expires 2005 |
| David Parker             | Term Expires 2006 |

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Appointed

|                               |                   |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| Mark Chase, Chief             | Term Expires 2004 |
| First Deputy (vacant)         | Term Expires 2004 |
| Joseph O'Brien, Second Deputy | Term Expires 2004 |

## **RECREATION COMMISSION**

Appointed by Selectmen

|                |                  |
|----------------|------------------|
| Kelly Byrne    | Wanda Grant      |
| Hope Heinzman  | Cindy Norton     |
| Michelle Ricco | Kelly St. Pierre |

Joseph Cuddemi, Interim Chairman

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Appointed by Selectmen

|               |                |
|---------------|----------------|
| Terry Schnare | Richard Verney |
|---------------|----------------|

## **HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Appointed by Selectmen

|                 |                  |
|-----------------|------------------|
| David Blanchard | Stephen Campbell |
| James Cleary    | Denise French    |

## **TOWN WARRANT**

### **The State of New Hampshire**

**To the inhabitants of the Town of Bennington in the County of Hillsborough in said State, qualified to vote: You are hereby notified to meet at the Pierce School on Monday, the second of February, next at seven o'clock in the evening, and then at the Fire Station on Tuesday, the ninth day of March, next at eight o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:**

**Note:** The casting of absentee ballots will begin at 1 p.m. The polls will close at 7 p.m.

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. Are you in favor of amending the Zoning Ordinance by repealing the existing Article XII - Cluster Development - and replacing it with a new Article XII - Open Space Residential Development, as proposed by the Planning Board? The full text of the Amendment can be found posted with the Warrant and within the Town Report.
3. Are you in favor of amending Article XVII, Definitions, of the Zoning Ordinance to redefine the definition of "Frontage" to read: The contiguous distance along the lot line dividing a lot from either (a) a publicly maintained highway, excepting limited access highways as defined by RSA 230:44 and Class VI highways; or (b) an approved road shown on a recorded subdivision plan, as proposed by the Planning Board? When a lot borders on more than one public highway, the frontage shall be on that roadway on which the lot has the greatest length.
4. Are you in favor of amending Article XVII, Definitions, of the Zoning Ordinance to redefine the definition of "Front Setback" to read: The distance from the boundary of the right-of-way line of a street(s) and the front line of a building or any projection thereof, as proposed by the Planning Board?
5. Shall the Town of Bennington modify the elderly exemptions from property tax, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years \$25,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years \$50,000; for a person 80 years of age or older \$75,000. To qualify, the person must have been a resident of New Hampshire for at least 5 consecutive years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$23,500, or if married, a combined net income of less than \$35,500; and own net assets not in excess of \$75,000 (excluding the value of the person's residence)?

(Recommended by the Selectmen)

6. Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, **not including appropriations by special articles and other appropriations voted separately**, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the Warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling one million forty-two thousand three hundred fifty-five dollars (\$1,042,355)? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be nine hundred seventy-six thousand and eight dollars (\$976,008), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law or the governing body may hold one Special Meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

(Recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

7. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to be added to the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund?

(Recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

8. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of eight thousand dollars (\$8,000) to be added to the Water Department Capital Reserve Fund?

(Recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

9. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund?

(Recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

10. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-eight thousand three hundred dollars (\$28,300) to purchase a new Police Cruiser and authorize the withdrawal of eighteen thousand three hundred dollars (\$18,300) from the Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose? The balance of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) is to come from general taxation.

(Recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

11. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Library Capital Reserve Fund?

(Recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

12. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Sewer Department Capital Reserve Fund?

(Recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

13. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000) to be added to the Rescue Van Capital Reserve Fund?

(Recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

14. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund?

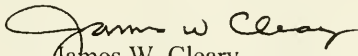
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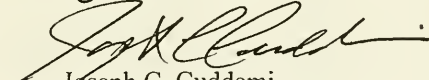
15. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) to be added to the Bridge Expendable Trust Fund?  
(Recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee)
16. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Town Building Expendable Trust Fund?  
(Recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee)
17. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Bridge Replacement Capital Reserve Fund?  
(Recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee)
18. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to be added to the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund?  
(Recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee)
19. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of eleven thousand dollars (\$11,000) to be added to the Sidewalk Replacement Capital Reserve Fund?  
(Recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee)
20. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred fifty dollars (\$450) as its share of year 2004 programming for Project LIFT, which provides literacy services and materials to Bennington citizens over 16 years of age?  
(Recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee)
21. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) for replacement of the Town Hall furnace?  
(Recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee)
22. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) for the purchase of Police Department protective vests?  
(Recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee)
23. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of four thousand dollars (\$4,000) for construction of cement pads at the Recycling Center?  
(Recommended by the Selectmen)
24. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for construction of guard rails on Mill Road?  
(Recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee)
25. Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) for the purpose of upgrading the Library catalogue software?  
(Recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

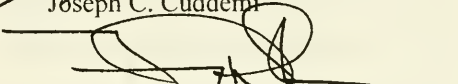


26. Shall the Town vote to discontinue the Capital Reserve Fund titled Emergency Police Radios established in 2000 and transfer to the General Fund the balance remaining in that Fund amounting to one hundred seventy-four dollars and seventy-six cents (\$174.76)?  
(Recommended by the Selectmen)

Given under our hands and seal this twenty-sixth day of January, in the year of our Lord two thousand and four.

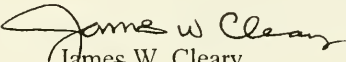
  
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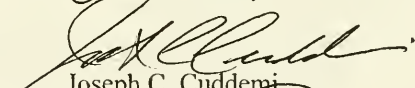
  
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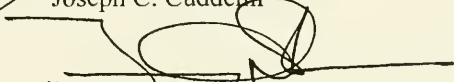
  
Terry D. Schnare

*Board of Selectmen  
Bennington, New Hampshire*

a true copy of Warrant - Attest

  
James W. Cleary

  
Joseph C. Cuddemi

  
Terry D. Schnare

# BUDGET OF THE TOWN

OF: BENNINGTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2004

or Fiscal Year From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

## IMPORTANT:

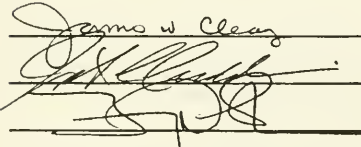
Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities.

1. Use this form to list the entire budget in the appropriate recommended and not recommended area. This means the operating budget and all special and individual warrant articles must be posted.
2. Hold at least one public hearing on this budget.
3. When completed, a copy of the budget must be posted with the warrant. Another copy must be placed on file with the town clerk, and a copy sent to the Department of Revenue Administration at the address below.

This is to certify that this budget was posted with the warrant on the 26th of January, 2004.

## GOVERNING BODY (SELECTMEN)

*Please sign in ink.*

  
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## THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE TOWN WARRANT

FOR DRA USE ONLY

NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION  
COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION  
MUNICIPAL FINANCE BUREAU  
P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487  
(603)271-3397

| 1                       | 2   | 3              | 4  | 5                                    | 6   | 7   |
|-------------------------|---|----------------|--|--------------------------------------|---|---|
| Acct. #                 | PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS<br>(RSA 32:3,V) | Warr.<br>Art.# | Appropriations<br>Prior Year As<br>Approved by DRA | Actual<br>Expenditures<br>Prior Year | Appropriations<br>Ensuing FY<br>(RECOMMENDED) | Appropriations<br>Ensuing FY<br>(NOT RECOMMENDED) |
| GENERAL GOVERNMENT      |   |                | XXXXXXXXXX   | XXXXXXXXXX                           | XXXXXXXXXX                                    | XXXXXXXXXX  |
| 4130-4139               | Executive                                 |                | 72269  | 83263                                | 104490  |   |
| 4140-4149               | Election,Reg. & Vital Statistics          |                | 21530  | 20714                                | 24167   |   |
| 4150-4151               | Financial Administration                  |                | 46446  | 28183                                | 10170   |   |
| 4152                    | Revaluation of Property                   |                |  |                                      |   |   |
| 4153                    | Legal Expense                             |                | 7000   | 19983                                | 12000   |   |
| 4155-4159               | Personnel Administration                  |                | 116372   | 111846                               | 135544  |   |
| 4191-4193               | Planning & Zoning                         |                | 8250   | 7325                                 | 6750  |   |
| 4194                    | General Government Buildings              |                | 11235  | 12615                                | 14150   |   |
| 4195                    | Cemeteries                                |                | 2550   | 5424                                 | 7872  |   |
| 4196                    | Insurance                                 |                | 14500  | 14703                                | 17000   |   |
| 4197                    | Advertising & Regional Assoc.             |                |  |                                      |   |   |
| 4199                    | Other General Government                  |                | 4000   | 1426                                 | 2000  |   |
| PUBLIC SAFETY           |   |                | XXXXXXXXXX   | XXXXXXXXXX                           | XXXXXXXXXX                                    | XXXXXXXXXX  |
| 4210-4214               | Police                                    |                | 130692   | 130654                               | 141186  |   |
| 4215-4219               | Ambulance                                 |                | 7500   | 7500                                 | 10000   |   |
| 4220-4229               | Fire                                      |                | 40950  | 41074                                | 54330   |   |
| 4240-4249               | Building Inspection                       |                | 750  | 1090                                 | 750   |   |
| 4290-4298               | Emergency Management                      |                |  |                                      |   |   |
| 4299                    | Other (Incl. Communications)              |                |  |                                      |   |   |
| AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER |   |                | XXXXXXXXXX   | XXXXXXXXXX                           | XXXXXXXXXX                                    | XXXXXXXXXX  |
| 4301-4309               | Airport Operations                        |                |  |                                      |   |   |
| HIGHWAYS & STREETS      |   |                | XXXXXXXXXX   | XXXXXXXXXX                           | XXXXXXXXXX                                    | XXXXXXXXXX  |
| 4311                    | Administration                            |                | 94307  | 90213                                | 96921   |   |
| 4312                    | Highways & Streets                        |                | 82600  | 87347                                | 84500   |   |
| 4313                    | Bridges                                   |                |  |                                      |   |   |
| 4316                    | Street Lighting                           |                | 7800   | 6817                                 | 7800  |   |
| 4319                    | Other                                     |                |  |                                      |   |   |
| SANITATION              |   |                | XXXXXXXXXX   | XXXXXXXXXX                           | XXXXXXXXXX                                    | XXXXXXXXXX  |
| 4321                    | Administration                            |                | 23370  | 24125                                | 23901   |   |
| 4323                    | Solid Waste Collection                    |                | 1800   | 620                                  | 800   |   |
| 4324                    | Solid Waste Disposal                      |                | 49775  | 63705                                | 56591   |   |
| 4325                    | Solid Waste Clean-up                      |                |  |                                      |   |   |
| 4326-4329               | Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other           |                | 24800  | 27495                                | 25350   |   |

| 1                              | 2   | 3              | 4  | 5                                    | 6   | 7   |
|--------------------------------|---|----------------|--|--------------------------------------|---|---|
| Acct. #                        | PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS<br>(RSA 32:3,V) | Warr.<br>Art.# | Appropriations<br>Prior Year As<br>Approved by DRA | Actual<br>Expenditures<br>Prior Year | Appropriations<br>Ensuing FY<br>(RECOMMENDED) | Appropriations<br>Ensuing FY<br>(NOT RECOMMENDED) |
| WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT |   |                | XXXXXXXXXX   | XXXXXXXXXX                           | XXXXXXXXXX                                    | XXXXXXXXXX  |
| 4331                           | Administration                            |                | 19200  | 21105                                | 20300   |   |
| 4332                           | Water Services                            |                | 17000  | 12508                                | 17000   |   |
| 4335-4339                      | Water Treatment, Conserv.& Other          |                | 1650   | 2081                                 | 1750  |   |
| ELECTRIC                       |   |                | XXXXXXXXXX   | XXXXXXXXXX                           | XXXXXXXXXX                                    | XXXXXXXXXX  |
| 4351-4352                      | Admin. and Generation                     |                |  |                                      |   |   |
| 4353                           | Purchase Costs                            |                |  |                                      |   |   |
| 4354                           | Electric Equipment Maintenance            |                |  |                                      |   |   |
| 4359                           | Other Electric Costs                      |                |  |                                      |   |   |
| HEALTH                         |   |                | XXXXXXXXXX   | XXXXXXXXXX                           | XXXXXXXXXX                                    | XXXXXXXXXX  |
| 4411                           | Administration                            |                | 1718   | 1166                                 | 1844  |   |
| 4414                           | Pest Control                              |                | 150  | 0                                    | 150   |   |
| 4415-4419                      | Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other           |                | 5768   | 5769                                 | 5800  |   |
| WELFARE                        |   |                | XXXXXXXXXX   | XXXXXXXXXX                           | XXXXXXXXXX                                    | XXXXXXXXXX  |
| 4441-4442                      | Administration & Direct Asslst.           |                | 8002   | 9939                                 | 8055  |   |
| 4444                           | Intergovernmental Welfare Pymnts          |                | 400  | 390                                  | 585   |   |
| 4445-4449                      | Vendor Payments & Other                   |                | 4550   | 2666                                 | 4550  |   |
| CULTURE & RECREATION           |   |                | XXXXXXXXXX   | XXXXXXXXXX                           | XXXXXXXXXX                                    | XXXXXXXXXX  |
| 4520-4529                      | Parks & Recreation                        |                | 20530  | 19941                                | 25080   |   |
| 4550-4559                      | Library                                   |                | 66502  | 65309                                | 69807   |   |
| 4583                           | Patriotic Purposes                        |                | 3450   | 3267                                 | 3650  |   |
| 4589                           | Other Culture & Recreation                |                | 1000   | 2000                                 | 1000  |   |
| CONSERVATION                   |   |                | XXXXXXXXXX   | XXXXXXXXXX                           | XXXXXXXXXX                                    | XXXXXXXXXX  |
| 4611-4612                      | Admin.& Purch. of Nat. Resources          |                | 675  | 60                                   | 675   |   |
| 4619                           | Other Conservation                        |                |  |                                      |   |   |
| 4631-4632                      | REDEVELOPMENT & HOUSING                   |                |  |                                      |   |   |
| 4651-4659                      | ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT                      |                |  |                                      |   |   |
| DEBT SERVICE                   |   |                | XXXXXXXXXX   | XXXXXXXXXX                           | XXXXXXXXXX                                    | XXXXXXXXXX  |
| 4711                           | Princ. - Long Term Bonds & Notes          |                | 33050  | 33050                                | 33050   |   |
| 4721                           | Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes          |                | 13120  | 12244                                | 10187   |   |
| 4723                           | IntL on Tax Anticipation Notes            |                | 2600   | 1552                                 | 2600  |   |
| 4790-4799                      | Other Debt Service                        |                |  |                                      |   |   |

| 1                       | 2   | 3              | 4  | 5                                    | 6   | 7   |
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| CAPITAL OUTLAY          |   |                | XXXXXXXXXX   | XXXXXXXXXX                           | XXXXXXXXXX                                    | XXXXXXXXXX  |
| 4901                    | Land                                      |                |  |                                      |   |   |
| 4902                    | Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment           |                |  |                                      |   |   |
| 4903                    | Buildings                                 |                |  |                                      |   |   |
| 4909                    | Improvements Other Than Bldgs.            |                |  |                                      |   |   |
| OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT |   |                | XXXXXXXXXX   | XXXXXXXXXX                           | XXXXXXXXXX                                    | XXXXXXXXXX  |
| 4912                    | To Special Revenue Fund                   |                |  |                                      |   |   |
| 4913                    | To Capital Projects Fund                  |                |  |                                      |   |   |
| 4914                    | To Enterprise Fund                        |                |  |                                      |   |   |
|                         | Sewer-                                    |                |  |                                      |   |   |
|                         | Water-                                    |                |  |                                      |   |   |
|                         | Electric-                                 |                |  |                                      |   |   |
|                         | Airport-                                  |                |  |                                      |   |   |
| 4915                    | To Capital Reserve Fund                   |                |  |                                      |   |   |
| 4916                    | To Exp.Tr.Fund-except #4917               |                |  |                                      |   |   |
| 4917                    | To Health Maint. Trust Funds              |                |  |                                      |   |   |
| 4918                    | To Nonexpendable Trust Funds              |                |  |                                      |   |   |
| 4919                    | To Agency Funds                           |                |  |                                      |   |   |
| SUBTOTAL 1              |   |                | 967861   | 979169                               | 1042355                                       |   |

If you have a line item of appropriations from more than one warrant article, please use the space below to identify the make-up of the line total for the ensuing year.

| Acct. # | Warr.<br>Art. # | Amount | Acct. # | Warr.<br>Art. # | Amount |
|---------|-----------------|--------|---------|-----------------|--------|
|         |                 |        |         |                 |        |
|         |                 |        |         |                 |        |
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|         |                 |        |         |                 |        |
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**\*\*SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES\*\***

Special warrant articles are defined in RSA 32:3,VI, as appropriations: 1) In petitioned warrant articles; 2) appropriations raised by bonds or noles; 3) appropriation to a separate fund created pursuant to law, such as capital reserve funds or trust funds; 4) an appropriation designated on the warrant as a special article or as a nonlapsing or nontransferable article.

| 1                      | 2   | 3              | 4  | 5                                    | 6   | 7   |
|------------------------|---|----------------|--|--------------------------------------|---|---|
| Acct. #                | PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS<br>(RSA 32:3,V) | Warr.<br>Art.# | Appropriations<br>Prior Year As<br>Approved by DRA | Actual<br>Expenditures<br>Prior Year | Appropriations<br>Ensuing FY<br>(RECOMMENDED) | Appropriations<br>Ensuing FY<br>(NOT RECOMMENDED) |
|                        | SEE ATTACHED                              |                |  |                                      |   |   |
|                        |   |                |  |                                      |   |   |
|                        |   |                |  |                                      |   |   |
|                        |   |                |  |                                      |   |   |
|                        |   |                |  |                                      |   |   |
|                        |   |                |  |                                      |   |   |
|                        |   |                |  |                                      |   |   |
|                        |   |                |  |                                      |   |   |
| SUBTOTAL 2 RECOMMENDED |   |                | XXXXXXXXXX   | XXXXXXXXXX                           | 119000  | XXXXXXXXXX  |

**\*\*INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES\*\***

"Individual" warrant articles are not necessarily the same as "special warrant articles". Individual warrant articles might be negotiated cost items for labor agreements or items of a one time nature you wish to address individually.

| 1                      | 2   | 3              | 4  | 5                                    | 6   | 7   |
|------------------------|---|----------------|--|--------------------------------------|---|---|
| Acct. #                | PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS<br>(RSA 32:3,V) | Warr.<br>Art.# | Appropriations<br>Prior Year As<br>Approved by DRA | Actual<br>Expenditures<br>Prior Year | Appropriations<br>Ensuing FY<br>(RECOMMENDED) | Appropriations<br>Ensuing FY<br>(NOT RECOMMENDED) |
| 4954                   | Police Cruiser                            | 10             | 0  | 0                                    | 28300   |   |
| 4954                   | Project LIFT                              | 20             | 450  | 450                                  | 450   |   |
| 4954                   | Replacement Furnace                       | 21             | 0  | 0                                    | 3000  |   |
| 4954                   | Police Protective Vests                   | 22             | 0  | 0                                    | 3000  |   |
| 4954                   | Concrete Pads                             | 23             | 0  | 0                                    | 4000  |   |
| 4954                   | Mill Road Guardrails                      | 24             | 0  | 0                                    | 5000  |   |
| 4954                   | Library Software                          | 25             | 0  | 0                                    | 1500  |   |
| SUBTOTAL 3 RECOMMENDED |   |                | XXXXXXXXXX   | XXXXXXXXXX                           | 45250   | XXXXXXXXXX  |



# TOWN OF BENNINGTON

## SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES

| Account                     | Article | Account Name              | Appropriations   | Actual           | Appropriations   |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
|                             |         |                           | Prior Year       | Expenditures     | Ensuing FY       |
| 4915                        | 7       | Fire Truck CRF            | 15,000           | 15,000           | 15,000           |
| 4915                        | 14      | Highway Equip CRF         | 10,000           | 10,000           | 10,000           |
| 4915                        | 13      | Rescue CRF                | 10,000           | 10,000           | 12,000           |
| 4915                        |         | Police Cruiser CRF        | 12,500           | 12,500           | - - -            |
| 4915                        |         | Mower CRF                 | 1,000            | 1,000            | - - -            |
| 4915                        | 11      | Library CRF               | 5,000            | 5,000            | 5,000            |
| 4915                        | 9       | Highway Truck CRF         | 10,000           | 10,000           | 10,000           |
| 4915                        | 8       | Water CRF                 | 8,000            | 8,000            | 8,000            |
| 4915                        | 12      | Sewer CRF                 | 5,000            | 5,000            | 5,000            |
| 4915                        | 17      | Bridge Replacement CRF    | 5,000            | 5,000            | 5,000            |
| 4915                        | 15      | Bridge Maintenance ETF    | 5,000            | 5,000            | 3,000            |
| 4915                        | 16      | Town Buildings ETF        | 10,000           | 10,000           | 5,000            |
| 4915                        | 19      | Sidewalk Construction CRF | 11,000           | 11,000           | 11,000           |
| 4915                        | 18      | Property Reval CRF        | 26,500           | 26,500           | 30,000           |
| TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS |         |                           | <u>\$134,000</u> | <u>\$134,000</u> | <u>\$119,000</u> |

| 1                        | 2   | 3              | 4                                | 5                                | 6                                     |
|--------------------------|---|----------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Acct. #                  | SOURCE OF REVENUE                         | Warr.<br>Art.# | Estimated Revenues<br>Prior Year | Actual<br>Revenues<br>Prior Year | Estimated<br>Revenues<br>Ensuing Year |
| TAXES                    |   |                | XXXXXXXXXX                       | XXXXXXXXXX                       | XXXXXXXXXX                            |
| 3120                     | Land Use Change Taxes                     |                | 3800                             | 7000                             | 0                                     |
| 3180                     | Resident Taxes                            |                |                                  |                                  |                                       |
| 3185                     | Timber Taxes                              |                |                                  | 7004                             | 5000                                  |
| 3186                     | Payment in Lieu of Taxes                  |                |                                  |                                  |                                       |
| 3189                     | Other Taxes                               |                |                                  |                                  |                                       |
| 3190                     | Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes  |                | 64000                            | 32273                            | 33000                                 |
|                          | Inventory Penalties                       |                |                                  | 3111                             | 3100                                  |
| 3187                     | Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd)    |                |                                  | 1669                             |                                       |
| LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES |   |                | XXXXXXXXXX                       | XXXXXXXXXX                       | XXXXXXXXXX                            |
| 3210                     | Business Licenses & Permits               |                | 800                              | 452                              | 500                                   |
| 3220                     | Motor Vehicle Permit Fees                 |                | 220000                           | 238605                           | 241000                                |
| 3230                     | Building Permits                          |                | 800                              | 1690                             | 1500                                  |
| 3290                     | Other Licenses, Permits & Fees            |                | 7000                             | 8679                             | 8500                                  |
| 3311-3319                | FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT                   |                |                                  |                                  |                                       |
| FROM STATE               |   |                | XXXXXXXXXX                       | XXXXXXXXXX                       | XXXXXXXXXX                            |
| 3351                     | Shared Revenues                           |                | 27000                            | 26679                            | 27000                                 |
| 3352                     | Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution            |                | 40000                            | 42556                            | 43000                                 |
| 3353                     | Highway Block Grant                       |                | 32000                            | 35388                            | 35433                                 |
| 3354                     | Water Pollution Grant                     |                | 13000                            | 12217                            | 11372                                 |
| 3355                     | Housing & Community Development           |                |                                  |                                  |                                       |
| 3356                     | State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement |                |                                  |                                  |                                       |
| 3357                     | Flood Control Reimbursement               |                |                                  |                                  |                                       |
| 3359                     | Other (Including Railroad Tax)            |                |                                  |                                  |                                       |
| 3379                     | FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS                    |                |                                  |                                  |                                       |
| CHARGES FOR SERVICES     |   |                | XXXXXXXXXX                       | XXXXXXXXXX                       | XXXXXXXXXX                            |
| 3401-3406                | Income from Departments                   |                | 7000                             | 10989                            | 8000                                  |
| 3409                     | Other Charges                             |                | 5000                             | 3124                             | 5000                                  |
| MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES   |   |                | XXXXXXXXXX                       | XXXXXXXXXX                       | XXXXXXXXXX                            |
| 3501                     | Sale of Municipal Property                |                | 20000                            | 100                              | 0                                     |
| 3502                     | Interest on Investments                   |                | 5000                             | 0                                | 0                                     |
| 3503-3509                | Other                                     |                |                                  | 22981                            | 20000                                 |

| 1                                 | 2  | 3           | 4                             | 5                          | 6                               |
|-----------------------------------|--|-------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Acct. #                           | SOURCE OF REVENUE                        | Warr. Art.# | Estimated Revenues Prior Year | Actual Revenues Prior Year | Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year |
| INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN  |  |             | xxxxxxxxx                     | xxxxxxxxx                  | xxxxxxxxx                       |
| 3912                              | From Special Revenue Funds               |             |                               |                            |                                 |
| 3913                              | From Capital Projects Funds              |             |                               |                            |                                 |
| 3914                              | From Enterprise Funds                    |             |                               |                            |                                 |
|                                   | Sewer - (Offset)                         |             | 25000                         | 24014                      | 25000                           |
|                                   | Water - (Offset)                         |             | 45000                         | 40161                      | 45000                           |
|                                   | Electric - (Offset)                      |             |                               |                            |                                 |
|                                   | Airport - (Offset)                       |             |                               |                            |                                 |
| 3915                              | From Capital Reserve Funds               | 10          |                               |                            | 18300                           |
| 3916                              | From Trust & Agency Funds                |             |                               |                            |                                 |
| OTHER FINANCING SOURCES           |  |             | xxxxxxxxx                     | xxxxxxxxx                  | xxxxxxxxx                       |
| 3934                              | Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes       |             |                               |                            |                                 |
|                                   | Amount VOTED From F/B ("Surplus")        |             |                               |                            |                                 |
|                                   | Fund Balance ("Surplus") to Reduce Taxes |             |                               |                            |                                 |
| TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & CREDITS |  |             | 515400                        | 518692                     | 530705                          |

\*\*BUDGET SUMMARY\*\*

|  | Prior Year | Ensuing Year |
|--|------------|--------------|
| SUBTOTAL 1 Appropriations Recommended (from page 4)                | 967861     | 1042355      |
| SUBTOTAL 2 Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 5)      | 134000     | 119000       |
| SUBTOTAL 3 "Individual" Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 5) | 23080      | 45250        |
| TOTAL Appropriations Recommended                                   | 1124941    | 1206605      |
| Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)          | 515400     | 530705       |
| Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised                             | 609541     | 675900       |

**TOWN OF BENNINGTON  
DEFAULT BUDGET  
2004**

**Function**

|                              |                  |
|------------------------------|------------------|
| Executive Office             | \$72,269         |
| Election/Registration        | \$21,530         |
| Financial Administration     | \$46,446         |
| Judicial/Legal               | \$7,000          |
| Personnel Administration     | \$116,372        |
| Planning/ZBA                 | \$8,250          |
| General Government Buildings | \$11,235         |
| Cemeteries                   | \$2,550          |
| Insurance                    | \$14,500         |
| Contingency                  | \$4,000          |
| Police Department            | \$130,692        |
| Ambulance                    | \$7,500          |
| Fire Department              | \$40,950         |
| Radio Lease                  | \$8,147          |
| Building Inspector           | \$750            |
| General Highway              | \$94,307         |
| Highway/Streets              | \$82,600         |
| Street Lighting              | \$7,800          |
| Solid Waste                  | \$74,945         |
| Water                        | \$37,850         |
| Sewer                        | \$24,800         |
| Health/Welfare               | \$20,588         |
| Recreation                   | \$20,530         |
| Library                      | \$66,502         |
| Patriotic Purposes           | \$3,450          |
| Scholarship                  | \$1,000          |
| Conservation Commission      | \$675            |
| Debt Service                 | \$48,770         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                 | <b>\$976,008</b> |

# **TOWN MEETING MINUTES OF BENNINGTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

## **SESSION 1:**

### **FEBRUARY 4, 2003 DELIBERATIVE SESSION**

## **SESSION 2:**

### **MARCH 11, 2003 TOWN ELECTION RESULTS**

Session 1 of the Bennington Town Meeting convened on Tuesday, February 4, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. at the Pierce School multi-purpose room in Bennington, New Hampshire. John J. Cronin III, presided over the Town Meeting as Moderator, calling the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Moderator Cronin opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence for the Challenger astronauts.

**To the inhabitants of the Town of Bennington in the County of Hillsborough in said State, qualified to vote: You are hereby notified to meet at the Pierce School on Tuesday, the fourth of February, next at seven o'clock in the evening, and then at the Fire Station on Tuesday, the eleventh day of March, next at eight o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:**

**Note:** The casting of absentee ballots will begin at 1 p.m. The polls will close at 7 p.m.

1. To choose all the necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing. The results of the March 11<sup>th</sup> elections are as follows:

**Selectman- Terry D. Schnare**

**Treasurer- Joyce L. Miner**

**Town Clerk- Debra Belcher**

**Trustee of the Trust Funds (3 yr.)- Mae Lizotte**

**Trustee of the Trust Funds (1 yr.)- James G. Dodge**

**Planning Board (3 yrs.)- Philip R. Germain**

**Library Trustee (3 yrs.)- Carrie Whittemore**

**Zoning Board Member (3 yrs.)- Francesco Carrara**  
**Cemetery Trustee (3 yrs.)- Jill S. Young**  
**Water and Sewer Commissioner (3 yrs.)- Robert Horn**  
**Water and Sewer Commissioner (1 yr.)- Nick Collemacine**  
**School Moderator- Peter Hopkins**

When the polls opened at 8:00 a.m., the Voter Checklist contained 766 registered voters. During the March 11<sup>th</sup> Town Meeting, 7 new voters were added to the checklist. When the polls closed at 7:00 p.m., the Voter Checklist totaled 773 registered voters. A total of 301 voters cast their ballots during the Town Meeting which represents 39% of the voters on the checklist.

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The Deliberative Session of the Town Meeting, Session 1, was attended by 30 registered voters.

The Moderator initiated discussion on the following articles.

2. Shall the town amend Article VII c. of the Bennington Zoning Ordinance to require a minimum of four (4) acres and three hundred (300) feet of frontage in the Rural Agricultural District for a lot to be developed or built upon  
(Note: The current minimum requirements are two (2) acres and two hundred (200) feet of frontage.)

Note: Selectman Cleary addressed the article and stated that this article would provide minimum impact on the growth rate of the town.

3/11/03 RESULTS:            YES- 128                    NO- 169  
THE ARTICLE FAILED

3. Shall the town add to the Bennington Zoning Ordinance the following section dealing with unsafe structures?  
“ No owner or occupant of land shall permit buildings ruined by fire or natural causes to be left indefinitely. Said ruins shall be made safe within thirty (30) days after the date of the original damage or destruction. Within one year, the owner shall remove the ruins and grade the area to clear ground level or shall begin to rebuild or replace the structure in conformance with this ordinance.”



Note: Selectman Cuddemi addressed the article and pointed out that the zoning ordinance would be added for safety reasons.

3/11/03 RESULTS:                      YES- 212                      NO- 81  
THE ARTICLE PASSED

4. Shall the town amend Article XV B. g. of the Bennington Zoning Ordinance to eliminate the following:  
“g. The use proposed is a permitted one”?  
(Note: Town Counsel advises that this sentence is superfluous.)

Note: No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as read.

3/11/03 RESULTS                      YES- 209                      NO- 71  
THE ARTICLE PASSED

5. Shall the Town change the office of the Town Clerk from its current one-year term to a three-year term, as permitted under RSA 41:16b?

Note: Selectman Cleary addressed the article stating that the selectmen recommend this article due to the amount of training required of the job and the revenue it generates.

3/11/03 RESULTS                      YES- 233                      NO- 61  
THE ARTICLE PASSED

6. Shall the Town vote to suggest that no street be changed to a one-way street without the permission of a majority of property owners who live on it?  
(This is a Petition Warrant Article)

Note: Selectman Cuddemi addressed the article and explained that this was not binding but just a suggestion. Mark Chase questioned the class of road that would be involved and who would decide said class. Selectman Cuddemi clarified that the article would apply to all roads and would be merely a suggestion.

3/11/03 RESULTS

YES-228

NO- 68

THE ARTICLE PASSED

7. Shall the town vote to suggest that any new construction or addition must meet with all zoning and setbacks of property line (laws) with no exceptions, including Town buildings?

(This is a Petitioned Warrant Article)

Note: Selectman Schnare addressed the article and explained that this was also a suggestion and not binding. Dennis McKenney had a concern about the role of the ZBA and that the town needs to be in compliance. Selectman Cleary replied that the RSAs and zoning laws supercede the suggestions in this article.

3/11/03 RESULTS

YES-170

NO-121

THE ARTICLE PASSED

8. Shall the town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special articles and other appropriations voted separately the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the Warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling nine hundred sixty-seven thousand eight hundred sixty-one dollars (\$967,861)? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be one million eighty thousand one hundred fifty-five dollars (\$1,080,155), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law or the governing body may hold one Special Meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

**Note:** This warrant article (operating budget) does not include appropriations in ANY other warrant article.

Note: Selectman Cleary addressed the article and pointed out that the handout explained the default budget. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as read.

3/11/03 RESULTS

YES-233

NO-52

THE ARTICLE PASSED

9, Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to be added to the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund and shall the Town designate the Selectmen as agents to expend from that Fund?

Note: Selectman Cuddemi addressed the article, stating that this is a usual Reserve Fund. Mark Chase noted that the scheduled fire truck replacement was to be in the year 2009. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as read.

3/11/03 RESULTS                      YES-224                      NO-66  
THE ARTICLE PASSED

10, Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of eight thousand dollars (\$8,000) to be added to the Water Department Capital Reserve Fund?

Note: Selectman Schnare noted that the funds requested have been increased due to replacement of fire hydrants. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as read.

3/11/03 RESULTS                      YES-212                      NO-75  
THE ARTICLE PASSED

11, Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund and shall the Town designate the Selectmen as agents to expend from that Fund?

Note: Selectman Cleary addressed the article and asked David Blanchard, the Road Agent to speak to it. David Blanchard noted that he believed that the town was in the fifth year of a 10-year cycle to replace a large truck. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as read.

3/22/03 RESULTS                      YES-204                      NO-85  
THE ARTICLE PASSED

12, Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of twelve thousand five hundred dollars (\$12,500) to be added to the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund?

Note: Selectman Cuddemi addressed the article noting that the town is on a four-year replacement schedule with one of the two cruisers being replaced every two years. Dennis McKenney brought forth discussion on a September Special Meeting that failed to appropriate funds. Bill Reid clarified that the DRA opposed the wording of the article and a special meeting was held. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as read.

3/11/03 RESULTS                      YES-182                      NO-111  
THE ARTICLE PASSED

13, Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Library Capital Reserve Fund?

Note: Selectman Schnare addressed the article and noted that this was an ongoing fund for Library maintenance and to refurbish handicap accessibility. Leslie MacGregor spoke to the article to stress the need for repairs to the roof, furnace and other expensive upkeep needs. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as read.

3/11/03 RESULTS                      YES-225                      NO-71  
THE ARTICLE PASSED

14, Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Sewer Department Capital Reserve Fund and shall the Town designate the Selectman as agents to expend from that Fund?

Note: Selectman Cleary addressed the article noting that the lagoon would need to be dredged in the next four or five years. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as read.

3/11/03 RESULTS                      YES-198                      NO-92  
THE ARTICLE PASSED

15, Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the Rescue Van Capital Reserve Fund and shall the Town designate the Selectmen as agents to expend from that Fund?

Note: Selectman Cuddemi addressed the article and asked Keith Nason to speak to it. Keith Nason explained that the forest truck fund would be deleted this year and this fund would be to replace the rescue van when needed. No amendments were introduced and the article was accepted as read.

3/11/03 RESULTS                      YES-227                      NO-63  
THE ARTICLE PASSED

16, Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) to be added to the Mower Capital Reserve Fund and shall the Town designate the Selectmen as agents to expend from that Fund?

Note: Selectman Schnare addressed the article noting that this is a usual reserve fund for the mower. No amendment was introduced and the article was accepted as read.

3/11/03 RESULTS                      YES-197                      NO-95  
THE ARTICLE PASSED

17, Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund?

Note: Selectman Cleary addressed the article and asked David Blanchard to speak. David Blanchard explained that the highway equipment is in the first year of its cycle and that the sander body of the existing truck had been replaced last year as normal upkeep. No amendment was introduced and the article was accepted as read.

3/11/03 RESULTS                      YES-203                      NO-87  
THE ARTICLE PASSED

18, Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Bridge Expendable Trust Fund and shall the Town designate the Selectmen as agents to expend from that Fund?

Note: Selectman Cuddemi addressed the article noting that this would include on going clean up and repair on the bridges in town. No amendment was introduced and the article was accepted as read.

3/11/03 RESULTS                      YES-224                      NO-67  
THE ARTICLE PASSED

19, Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the Town Building Expendable Trust Fund and shall the Town designate the Selectmen as agents to expend from that Fund?

Note: Selectman Schnare addressed the article noting that the Town Hall has had the roof replaced and has been painted. The plan for this year is to address the grounds and parking issue. No amendment was introduced and the article was accepted as read.

3/11/03 RESULTS                      YES-195                      NO-98  
THE ARTICLE PASSED

20, Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Bridge Replacement Capital Reserve Fund and shall the Town designate the Selectmen as agents to expend from that Fund?

Note: Selectman Cleary addressed the article and noted that this is an on going situation involving the bridge on North Bennington Road that is also owned with Antrim. It will eventually have to be replaced. If the State Program is available at that time we could get 80% of the money but the town would have to have funds ready at that time. No amendment was introduced and the article was accepted as read.

3/11/03 RESULTS                      YES-210                      NO-79  
THE ARTICLE PASSED



21, Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-six thousand five hundred dollars (\$26,500) to be added to the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund and shall the Town authorize the Selectmen to act as agents for that Fund?

Note: Selectman Cuddemi addressed the article and noted that revaluation started in the past couple of years and we will need to pay the balance due in 2004. No amendment was introduced and the article was accepted as read.

3/11/03 RESULTS                      YES-182                      NO-109  
THE ARTICLE PASSED

22, Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of eleven thousand dollars (\$11,000) to be added to the Sidewalk Replacement Capital Reserve Fund and shall the Town designate the Selectmen as agents to expend from that Fund?

Note: Selectman Schnare addressed the article and stated that we are in the third year of the sidewalk replacement plan. Alan Wilson asked about the reserve monies that have been put away for the sidewalks and how this fits into the master plan. Selectman Schnare is looking into matching funds due to the maintenance of granite curbs. No amendment was introduced and the article was accepted as read.

3/11/03 RESULTS                      YES-182                      NO-111  
THE ARTICLE PASSED

23, Shall the Town authorize the GEP Dodge Library Board of Trustees to accept and expend, without further action by the Town, until rescinded by vote of the Townspeople, gifts of personal property other than money in accordance with RSA 202-A:4(c)?

Note: Selectman Cleary deferred this article to Leslie MacGregor, the Head Librarian. Leslie MacGregor stated that the language in the article was incorrect and the letter in the RSA should be (d). Leslie MacGregor moved to amend the article and was seconded. In further discussion, Leslie MacGregor explained that this is a legal issue to ensure that the

library can accept gifts of books, videos, furniture etc. without the consent of the Selectmen. The new article was put before the floor stating, Shall the Town authorize the GEP Dodge Library Board of Trustees to accept and expend, without further action by the Town, until rescinded by vote of the Townspeople, gifts of personal property other than money in accordance with RSA 202-A:4(d)?

A vote was taken RESULTS: THE AMENDMENT PASSED

3/11/03 RESULTS

YES-238

NO-55

THE ARTICLE PASSED

- 24, To see if the Town will vote to change the purpose of the Library's Capital Reserve Fund to read; (1) for the repair or replacement of library equipment and for making renovations and improvements to the GEP Dodge Library and (2) to designate the GEP Dodge Library Trustees as agents to carry out the object of this article?  
(Requires two-thirds majority vote for approval)

Note: Selectman Cuddemi turned the floor over to Leslie MacGregor to address the article. Leslie MacGregor explained that the article was at the suggestion of Terry Knowles from the Charitable Trust and is meant to clarify the language on the existing Capital Reserve Fund.

3/11/03 RESULTS

YES-228

NO-62

THE ARTICLE PASSED

- 25, Shall the town vote to discontinue the Capital Reserve Funds listed below, the balances of which have either been transferred or entirely disbursed by action of previous Town Meetings?
- Landfill Closure Capital Reserve Fund
  - Water Pump Replacement Capital Reserve Fund
  - Septic Lagoon Capital Reserve Fund
  - Recycling Building Capital Reserve Fund
  - Used Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund
  - Legal Reserve Capital Reserve Fund

Note: Selectman Schnare addressed the article and noted that this is a housekeeping issue. No amendment was introduced and the article was accepted as read.

3/11/03 RESULTS

YES-241

NO-43

THE ARTICLE PASSED

26, Shall the Town authorize the Selectmen to enter into a five-year lease agreement for the purpose of replacing Fire Department radio equipment (mobile, portables, and pagers) and raise and appropriate the sum of eight thousand two hundred and ten dollars (\$8,210) first year's payment for that purpose?

Note: Selectman Cleary deferred the article to Keith Nason. Keith explained that the lease would allow the existing mobile radios and pagers to be replaced. Selectman Cuddemi noted that the town has used the lease company before and it has worked out well. Dennis McKenney asked if the dollar amount for the next four years would be the same. Keith Nason stated that the total figure would come up to approximately \$32,000. No amendment was introduced and the article was accepted as read.

3/11/03 RESULTS

YES-216

NO-75

THE ARTICLE PASSED

27, Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of four thousand two hundred dollars (\$4,200) for continued gravestone repair work and tree cutting at the Evergreen and Sunnyside Cemeteries?

Note: Selectman Cuddemi addressed the article stating that more work is being done at the cemeteries. Dennis McKenney questioned if the work that is being done is to catch up and if so will we be able to get to a regular maintenance schedule. Selectman Cuddemi responded that much of the work is repair and catching up on clearing and gravestone repair. Administrator Bill Reid explained that repair work is behind due to the availability of the craftsman that does the repairs. No amendment was introduced and the article was accepted as read.

3/11/03 RESULTS

YES-240

NO-52

THE ARTICLE PASSED

28, Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand six hundred dollars (\$3,600) for the replacement of computer equipment and software for the GEP Dodge Memorial Library.

Note: Selectman Schnare deferred the article over to Leslie MacGregor who asked to amend the article and strike the word Memorial as the correct name of the library is the GEP Dodge Library. The amendment was put on the floor and seconded.

RESULTS: THE AMENDMENT PASSED

Leslie MacGregor spoke to the amendment and stated that the article is to replace three computers that are currently at the library. One computer is for public use and the other two computers are for the work that is done by the librarians and the State. No further amendments were introduced and the amended article was accepted.

3/11/03 RESULTS                      YES-236                      NO-56

THE ARTICLE PASSED

29, Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand six hundred and thirty dollars (\$6,630) for the purchase of computer software and hardware required to maintain taxation and accounting services?

Note: Selectman Cleary deferred the article to Bill Reid who explained that Microsoft changed their equipment on a national level and to ensure services the town is forced to upgrade. No amendment was introduced and the article was accepted as read.

3/11/03 RESULTS                      YES-230                      NO-61

THE ARTICLE PASSED

30, Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred fifty dollars (\$450) as its share of year 2003 programming for Project Lift, which provides literacy services and materials to Bennington citizens over 16 years of age?

Note: Selectman Cuddemi addressed the article stating that Project Lift has been in New Hampshire for several years and it is an on going program that we should continue. No amendment was introduced and the article was accepted as read.

3/11/03 RESULTS

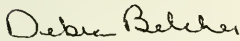
YES-241

NO-47

THE ARTICLE PASSED

There being no other business at hand, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Debra Belcher".

Debra Belcher

Town Clerk

# REPORT OF APPROPRIATIONS ACTUALLY VOTED

(RSA 21-J:34)

Date of Meeting: March 11, 2003

Town/City Of: Bennington

County: Hillsborough

Mailing Address: 7 School St., #101

Bennington, New Hampshire 03442

Phone #: 603-588-3087

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E-Mail: townofbenn@conknet.com

## Certificate of Appropriations

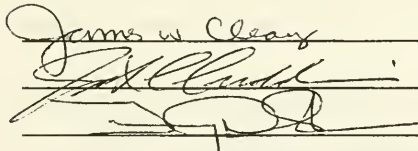
(To be Completed After Annual or Special Meeting)

This is to certify that the information contained in this form, appropriations actually voted by the town/city meeting, was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

## Governing Body (Selectmen)

*Please sign in ink.*

Date: March 19, 2003



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PENALTY: Failure to file within 20 days after each meeting at which appropriations were voted may result in a \$5.00 per day penalty for each day's delay (RSA 21-J:36).



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| Acct.#                                    | PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS<br>(RSA 32:3, V) | WARR.<br>ART.# | Appropriations As<br>Voted | For Use By<br>Department of Revenue Administration |
| <b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>                 |  |                | <b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>          | <b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>                                  |
| 4130-4139                                 | Executive                                  |                | 72269                      |  |
| 4140-4149                                 | Election, Reg. & Vital Statistics          |                | 21530                      |  |
| 4150-4151                                 | Financial Administration                   |                | 46446                      |  |
| 4152                                      | Revaluation of Property                    |                |                            |  |
| 4153                                      | Legal Expense                              |                | 7000                       |  |
| 4155-4159                                 | Personnel Administration                   |                | 116372                     |  |
| 4191-4193                                 | Planning & Zoning                          |                | 8250                       |  |
| 4194                                      | General Government Buildings               |                | 11235                      |  |
| 4195                                      | Cemeteries                                 |                | 2550                       |  |
| 4196                                      | Insurance                                  |                | 14500                      |  |
| 4197                                      | Advertising & Regional Assoc.              |                |                            |  |
| 4199                                      | Other General Government (Contingency)     |                | 4000                       |  |
| <b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>                      |  |                | <b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>          | <b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>                                  |
| 4210-4214                                 | Police                                     |                | 130692                     |  |
| 4215-4219                                 | Ambulance                                  |                | 7500                       |  |
| 4220-4229                                 | Fire                                       |                | 40950                      |  |
| 4240-4249                                 | Building Inspection                        |                | 750                        |  |
| 4290-4298                                 | Emergency Management                       |                |                            |  |
| 4299                                      | Other (Including Communications)           |                |                            |  |
| <b>AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER</b>            |  |                | <b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>          | <b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>                                  |
| 4301-4309                                 | Airport Operations                         |                |                            |  |
| <b>HIGHWAYS &amp; STREETS</b>             |  |                | <b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>          | <b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>                                  |
| 4311                                      | Administration                             |                | 94307                      |  |
| 4312                                      | Highways & Streets                         |                | 82600                      |  |
| 4313                                      | Bridges                                    |                |                            |  |
| 4316                                      | Street Lighting                            |                | 7800                       |  |
| 4319                                      | Other                                      |                |                            |  |
| <b>SANITATION</b>                         |  |                | <b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>          | <b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>                                  |
| 4321                                      | Administration                             |                |                            |  |
| 4323                                      | Solid Waste Collection                     |                | 29370                      |  |
| 4324                                      | Solid Waste Disposal                       |                | 51575                      |  |
| 4325                                      | Solid Waste Clean-up                       |                |                            |  |
| 4326-4329                                 | Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other            |                | 24800                      |  |
| <b>WATER DISTRIBUTION &amp; TREATMENT</b> |  |                | <b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>          | <b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>                                  |
| 4331                                      | Administration                             |                | 19200                      |  |
| 4332                                      | Water Services                             |                | 18650                      |  |
| 4335-4339                                 | Water Treatment, Conserv. & Other          |                |                            |  |
| <b>ELECTRIC</b>                           |  |                | <b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>          | <b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>                                  |
| 4351-4359                                 | Electrical Operations                      |                |                            |  |

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| Acct #                     | PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS<br>(RSA 32:3,V) | WARR.<br>ART.# | Appropriations As<br>Voted | For Use By<br>Department of Revenue Administration |
| HEALTH                     |   | XXXXXXXXXX     |                            | XXXXXXXXXX   |
| 4411                       | Administration                            |                | 1718                       |  |
| 4414                       | Pest Control                              |                |                            |  |
| 4415-4419                  | Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other           |                | 5918                       |  |
| WELFARE                    |   | XXXXXXXXXX     |                            | XXXXXXXXXX   |
| 4441-4442                  | Administration & Direct Assist.           |                | 8002                       |  |
| 4444                       | Intergovernmental Welfare Payments        |                |                            |  |
| 4445-4449                  | Vendor Payments & Other                   |                | 4950                       |  |
| CULTURE & RECREATION       |   | XXXXXXXXXX     |                            | XXXXXXXXXX   |
| 4520-4529                  | Parks & Recreation                        |                | 20530                      |  |
| 4550-4559                  | Library                                   |                | 66502                      |  |
| 4583                       | Patriotic Purposes                        |                | 3450                       |  |
| 4589                       | Other Culture & Recreation                |                | 1000                       |  |
| CONSERVATION               |   | XXXXXXXXXX     |                            | XXXXXXXXXX   |
| 4611-4612                  | Admin. & Purch. of Nat. Resources         |                | 675                        |  |
| 4619                       | Other Conservation                        |                |                            |  |
| 4631-4632                  | REDEVELOPMENT & HOUSING                   |                |                            |  |
| 4651-4659                  | ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT                      |                |                            |  |
| DEBT SERVICE               |   | XXXXXXXXXX     |                            | XXXXXXXXXX   |
| 4711                       | Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes           |                | 33050                      |  |
| 4721                       | Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes          |                | 13120                      |  |
| 4723                       | Int. on Tax Anticipation Note             |                | 2600                       |  |
| 4790-4799                  | Other Debt Service                        |                |                            |  |
| CAPITAL OUTLAY             |   | XXXXXXXXXX     |                            | XXXXXXXXXX   |
| 4901                       | Land                                      |                |                            |  |
| 4902                       | Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment           |                |                            |  |
| 4903                       | Buildings                                 |                |                            |  |
| 4909                       | Improvements Other Than Bldgs             |                |                            |  |
| OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT    |   | XXXXXXXXXX     |                            | XXXXXXXXXX   |
| 4912                       | To Special Revenue Fund                   |                |                            |  |
| 4913                       | To Capital Projects Fund                  |                | 23080                      |  |
| 4914                       | To Enterprise Fund                        |                |                            |  |
|                            | Sewer-                                    |                |                            |  |
|                            | Water-                                    |                |                            |  |
|                            | Electric-                                 |                |                            |  |
|                            | Airport-                                  |                |                            |  |
| 4915                       | To Capital Reserve Fund                   |                | 119000                     |  |
| 4916                       | To Exp Tr. Fund-except #4917              |                | 15000                      |  |
| 4917                       | To Health Maint. Trust Funds              |                |                            |  |
| 4918                       | To Nonexpendable Trust Funds              |                |                            |  |
| 4919                       | To Agency Funds                           |                |                            |  |
| TOTAL VOTED APPROPRIATIONS |   |                | 1124941                    |  |

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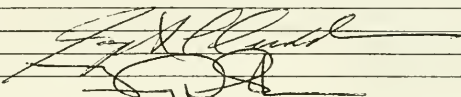
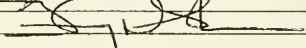
SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

Form MS-1 for 2003

CITY/TOWN OF BENNINGTON IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that the information provided in this report was taken from the official records and is correct to the best of our knowledge and belief. RSA 21-J:34

| PRINT NAMES OF city/town OFFICIALS | SIGNATURES OF city/town OFFICIALS* (Sign in ink)                                  |
|------------------------------------|---|
| James W. Cleary                    |   |
| Joseph C. Cuddemi                  |  |
| Terry D. Schnare                   |  |

Date Signed 26-Aug-03

\*Check one:

|           |                                     |
|-----------|-------------------------------------|
| Selectmen | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Assessors | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

City/Town Telephone # 588-2189

Due date: September 1, 2003

Complete the above required certification by inserting the name of the city/town officials, the date on which the certificate is signed, and have the majority of the members of the board of selectmen/assessing officials sign in ink (RSA 41 15 & Rev. Rule 105.02)

REPDRTS REQUIRED: RSA 21-J 34 as amended, provides for certification of valuations, appropriations, estimated revenues and such other information as the Department of Revenue Administration may require upon forms prescribed for that purpose

NOTE The values and figures provided represent the detailed values that are used in the city/towns tax assessments and sworn to uphold under Oath per RSA 75:7. Please complete all applicable pages and refer to the instructions tab for individual items

THIS FORM MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE DRA NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 1ST TO AVOID LATE FILING PENALTIES. (RSA 21-J:34 & 36.)

RETURN THIS SIGNED AND COMPLETED INVENTORY FORM TO: N.H. DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE  
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(Print/type)

Note office hours: M - Thurs 9am - 4pm

See Instructions, Tax Increment Finance District Tab & Utilities A & B, of this set as needed

## BENNINGTON

| LAND      | Lines 1 A, B, C, D, E & F List all improved and unimproved land<br>- include wells, septic & paving | NUMBER<br>OF<br>ACRES | 2003<br>ASSESSED VALUATION<br>BY CITY/TOWN |
|-----------|---|-----------------------|--|
| BUILDINGS | Lines 2 A, B & C List all buildings.  |                       |  |

## 1. VALUE OF LAND ONLY - Exclude Amount Listed in Lines 3A 1, 2 &amp; 3, 3B &amp; 4

A. Current Use (At Current Use Values) RSA 79-A (See Instruction #1)

4,385.34 \$303,146

B. Conservation Restriction Assessment (At Current Use Values) RSA 79-B

0.00 \$0

C. Discretionary Easement RSA 79-C

0.00 \$0

D. Discretionary Preservation Easement RSA 79-D

Number of Structures

0 \$0

E. Residential Land (Improved and Unimproved Land)

2,100.08 \$14,142,100

F. Commercial/Industrial Land (Do Not include Public Utility Land)

95.58 \$1,545,600

G. Total of Taxable Land (Sum of Lines 1A + 1B + 1C + 1D + 1E + 1F)

6,581.00 \$15,990,846

H. Tax Exempt &amp; Non-Taxable Land

261.35 \$1,408,400

## 2. VALUE OF BUILDINGS ONLY - Exclude Amounts Listed on Lines 3A 1, 2 &amp; 3 &amp; 3B

A. Residential

\$38,936,500

B. Manufactured Housing as defined in RSA 674:31

\$1,281,500

C. Commercial/Industrial (DO NOT Include Public Utility Buildings)

\$6,701,700

D. Total of Taxable Buildings (Sum of lines 2A + 2B + 2C)

\$46,919,700

E. Tax Exempt &amp; Non-Taxable Buildings

\$5,942,600

## 3. PUBLIC UTILITIES (see RSA 83-F:1 V for complete definition)

A. Public Utilities

TOTALS PG 4

A 1 \$2,943,200

(Real estate/buildings/structures/machinery/dynamos/apparatus/poles/

A 2

wires/fixtures of all kinds and descriptions/pipelines etc.)

A 3

B. Other Public Utilities

B \$0

## 4. MATURE WOOD and TIMBER RSA 79:5

\$0

## 5. VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS (Total of Lines 1G + 2D + 3A 1, 2 &amp; 3, + 3B + 4)

This figure represents the gross sum of all taxable property in your municipality

\$65,853,746

## # Granted

## 6. Certain Disabled Veterans RSA 72:36 - a

(Paraplegic &amp; Double Amputees Owning Specially Adapted Homesteads with V.A. Assistance)

0 \$0

## 7. Improvements to Assist Persons with Disabilities RSA 72:37 - a

0 \$0

## 8. School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemption RSA 72:23 IV

(Standard Exemption Up To \$150,000 for each)

0 \$0

## 9. Water and Air Pollution Control Exemptions RSA 72:12 - a

0 \$0

BENNINGTON

|  |           |              |
|--|-----------|--------------|
| <b>10. MODIFIED ASSESSED VALUATION OF ALL PROPERTIES</b>   |           |              |
| (Sum of Line 5 minus Lines 6, 7, 8 & 9) This figure will be used for calculating the total equalized value for your municipality.) |           |              |
|  | # GRANTED | \$55,853,746 |
| 11. Blind Exemption RSA 72:37  | 0         | \$0          |
| 12. Elderly Exemption RSA 72:39 - a & b  | 16        | \$632,800    |
| 13. Disabled Exemption RSA 72:37 - b   | 0         | \$0          |
| 14. Wood-Heating Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:70  | 0         | \$0          |
| 15. Solar Energy Exemption RSA 72:62   | 0         | \$0          |
| 16. Wind Powered Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:66  | 0         | \$0          |
| 17. Additional School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemptions RSA 72:23 IV   | 0         | \$0          |
| 18. TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT OF EXEMPTIONS (Sum of Lines 11 thru 17)  |           | \$632,800    |
| 19. NET VALUATION ON WHICH THE TAX RATE FOR MUNICIPAL, COUNTY & LOCAL EDUCATION TAX IS COMPUTED (Line 10 minus Line 18)            |           | \$65,220,946 |
| 20. Less Public Utilities (Line 3A 1, 2, & 3) Do NOT Include the value of OTHER public utilities listed in Line 3B.                |           | \$2,943,200  |
| 21. NET VALUATION WITHOUT UTILITIES ON WHICH TAX RATE FOR STATE EDUCATION TAX IS COMPUTED (Line 19 minus Line 20)                  |           | \$62,277,746 |

**BENNINGTON**

**UTILITY SUMMARY: ELECTRIC, GAS, OIL, PIPELINE, WATER & SEWER RSA 83-F**

List by individual company/legal entity the valuation of operating plants employed in the production, distribution, and transmission of electricity, gas pipeline, water and petroleum products Include ONLY the names of the companies listed on the Instruction Sheets (See Instruction #3 & Utilities Tabs)

| SECTION A: ELECTRIC COMPANIES, GENERATING PLANTS, ETC:<br>(Attach additional sheet if needed.) (See Instruction #4 Tab & Utilities - A Tab)    | 2003<br>VALUATION  |
|--|--------------------|
| Monadnock Paper Mills, Inc   | \$1,900,000        |
| Public Service of NH   | \$1,043,200        |
|  | \$0                |
|  | \$0                |
|  | \$0                |
| <b>A1. TOTAL OF ALL ELECTRIC COMPANIES LISTED IN THIS SECTION:</b><br>(See Utilities - A Tab for the names of the limited number of companies) | <b>\$5,943,200</b> |

| GAS, OIL & PIPELINE COMPANIES   |            |
|---|------------|
|   | \$0        |
|   | \$0        |
|   | \$0        |
| <b>A2. TOTAL OF ALL GAS, OIL &amp; PIPELINE COMPANIES LISTED:</b><br>(See Utilities - A Tab for the names of the limited number of companies) | <b>\$0</b> |

| WATER & SEWER COMPANIES   |            |
|---|------------|
|   | \$0        |
|   | \$0        |
|   | \$0        |
| <b>A3. TOTAL OF ALL WATER &amp; SEWER COMPANIES LISTED:</b><br>(See Utilities - A Tab for the names of the limited number of companies) | <b>\$0</b> |

| SECTION B: LIST OTHER UTILITY COMPANIES (Exclude telephone companies):<br>(Attach additional sheet if needed.) (See Instruction & Utilities - B Tab) | 2003<br>VALUATION |
|--|-------------------|
|  | \$0               |
|  | \$0               |
|  | \$0               |
|  | \$0               |
|  | \$0               |
| <b>TOTAL OF ALL OTHER COMPANIES LISTED IN THIS SECTION B:</b><br>(See Utilities - B Tab for the names of the limited number of companies)            | <b>\$0</b>        |



| TAX CREDITS   | LIMITS  | *NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS | ESTIMATED TAX CREDITS |
|---|---------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Totally and permanently disabled veterans, their spouses or widows, and the widows of veterans who died or were killed on active duty RSA 72:35 | \$700   | 0                      | \$0                   |
|   | \$1,400 | 2                      | \$2,800               |
|   |         |                        |                       |
| Other war service credits. RSA 72:28  | \$50    | 0                      | \$0                   |
|   | \$100   | 66                     | \$6,650               |
|   |         |                        |                       |
| TOTAL NUMBER AND AMOUNT   |         | 68                     | \$9,450               |

\*If both husband & wife qualify for the credit they count as 2.  
\*If someone is living at a residence as say brother & sister, and one qualifies count as 1, not one-half.

| TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICTS<br>RSA 162-K<br>(See Tax Increment Finance Dist Tab<br>for instructions) | TIF #1 | TIF#2 | TIF#3 | TIF#4 |
|--|--------|-------|-------|-------|
| Date of Adoption   |        |       |       |       |
| Original assessed value  | \$0    | \$0   | \$0   | \$0   |
| + Unretained captured assessed value   | \$0    | \$0   | \$0   | \$0   |
| = Amounts used on page 2 (tax rates)   | \$0    | \$0   | \$0   | \$0   |
| + Retained captured assessed value   | \$0    | \$0   | \$0   | \$0   |
| Current assessed value   | \$0    | \$0   | \$0   | \$0   |

| LIST REVENUES RECEIVED FROM PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAX<br>Amounts listed below should not be included in assessed valuation column on page 2. | MUNICIPALITY | LIST SOURCE(S) OF PAYMENT<br>In Lieu of Taxes |
|--|--------------|---|
| State & Federal Forest Land, Recreation, and/or Flood Control Land from MS-4, acct. 3356 & 3357  | \$0          |   |
| Other from MS-4, acct. 3186  | \$0          |   |
| Other from MS-4, acct. 3186  | \$0          |   |
| Other from MS-4, acct. 3186  | \$0          |   |
| Other from MS-4, acct. 3186  | \$0          |   |
| Other from MS-4, acct. 3186  | \$0          |   |
| Other from MS-4, acct. 3186  | \$0          |   |
| TOTALS   | \$0          |   |

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ELDERLY EXEMPTION REPORT - RSA 72:39-a

| NUMBER OF FIRST TIME FILERS<br>GRANTED ELDERLY EXEMPTION FOR<br>THE CURRENT YEAR |        | PER AGE<br>CATEGORY      | TOTAL NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS GRANTED AN ELDERLY EXEMPTION<br>FOR THE CURRENT YEAR & TOTAL AMOUNT OF EXEMPTION GRANTED |        |                                       |                                  |
|--|--------|--------------------------|--|--------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| AGE  | NUMBER | AMOUNT PER<br>INDIVIDUAL | AGE  | NUMBER | MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE<br>EXEMPTION AMOUNT | TOTAL ACTUAL<br>EXEMPTION AMOUNT |
| 65 - 74  |        | \$20,000                 | 65 - 74  | 6      | \$120,000                             | \$120,000                        |
| 75 - 79  |        | \$40,000                 | 75 - 79  | 4      | \$160,000                             | \$155,200                        |
| 80 +   |        | \$60,000                 | 80 +   | 6      | \$357,700                             | \$357,600                        |
|  |        |                          | TOTAL  | 16     | \$637,700                             | \$632,800                        |

CURRENT USE REPORT - RSA 79-A

|  | TOTAL NUMBER<br>ACRES RECEIVING<br>CURRENT USE<br>ASSESSMENT | ASSESSED<br>VALUATION | OTHER CURRENT USE STATISTICS                    | TOTAL NUMBER OF<br>ACRES |
|--|--|-----------------------|---|--------------------------|
| FARM LAND  | 164.13   | \$38,464              | RECEIVING 20% RECREATION ADJUSTMENT             | 0.00                     |
| FOREST LAND                                      | 3,970.86   | \$261,904             | REMOVED FROM CURRENT USE DURING<br>CURRENT YEAR | 0.00                     |
| FOREST LAND<br>WITH<br>DOCUMENTED<br>STEWARDSHIP | 0.00   | \$0                   |   |                          |
| UNPRODUCTIVE<br>LAND                             | 250.35   | \$2,778               |   |                          |
| WET LAND   | 0.00   | \$0                   | TOTAL NUMBER OF OWNERS IN CURRENT USE           | 0                        |
| TOTAL  | 4,385.34   | \$303,146             | TOTAL NUMBER OF PARCELS IN CURRENT USE          | 0                        |

CONSERVATION RESTRICTION ASSESSMENT REPORT - RSA 79-B

|  | TOTAL NUMBER<br>ACRES RECEIVING<br>CONSERVATION<br>RESTRICTION<br>ASSESSMENTS | ASSESSED<br>VALUATION | OTHER CONSERVATION RESTRICTION<br>ASSESSMENT STATISTICS      | TOTAL NUMBER OF<br>ACRES |
|--|---|-----------------------|--|--------------------------|
| FARM LAND  | 0.00  | \$0                   | RECEIVING 20% RECREATION ADJUSTMENT                          | 0.00                     |
| FOREST LAND                                      | 0.00  | \$0                   | REMOVED FROM CONSERVATION RESTRICTION<br>DURING CURRENT YEAR | 0.00                     |
| FOREST LAND<br>WITH<br>DOCUMENTED<br>STEWARDSHIP | 0.00  | \$0                   |  |                          |
| UNPRODUCTIVE<br>LAND                             | 0.00  | \$0                   |  |                          |
| WET LAND   | 0.00  | \$0                   | TOTAL NUMBER OF OWNERS IN CONSERVATION<br>RESTRICTION        | 0                        |
| TOTAL  | 0.00  | \$0                   | TOTAL NUMBER OF PARCELS IN CONSERVATION<br>RESTRICTION       | 0                        |

**DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION**  
**Municipal Finance Bureau**  
**2003 Tax Rate Calculation**

**TOWN/CITY: BENNINGTON**

|                       |           |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| Gross Appropriations  | 1,124,951 |
| Less: Revenues        | 543,791   |
| Less: Shared Revenues | 19,978    |
| Add: Overlay          | 5,024     |
| War Service Credits   | 9,450     |

*Beverly Jewell*  
*October 5, 2003*

|                        |         |
|------------------------|---------|
| Net Town Appropriation | 575,656 |
| Special Adjustment     | 0       |

|                               |         |
|-------------------------------|---------|
| Approved Town/City Tax Effort | 575,656 |
|-------------------------------|---------|

**TOWN RATE**  
**8.83**

**SCHOOL PORTION**

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| Net Local School Budget (Gross Approp. - Revenue) | 0         |
| Regional School Apportionment                     | 2,070,247 |
| Less: Adequate Education Grant                    | (767,790) |
| State Education Taxes                             | (309,484) |

|                               |         |
|-------------------------------|---------|
| Approved School(s) Tax Effort | 992,973 |
|-------------------------------|---------|

**LOCAL**  
**SCHOOL RATE**  
**15.22**

**STATE EDUCATION TAXES**

|  |        |         |
|--|--------|---------|
| Equalized Valuation(no utilities) x                  | \$4.92 |         |
| 62,903,333   |        | 309,484 |
| Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (no utilities)    |        |         |
| 62,277,746   |        |         |
| Excess State Education Taxes to be Remitted to State |        |         |
| Pay to State →                                       | 0      |         |

**STATE**  
**SCHOOL RATE**  
**4.97**

**COUNTY PORTION**

|                       |         |
|-----------------------|---------|
| Due to County         | 100,360 |
| Less: Shared Revenues | (4,514) |

|                            |        |
|----------------------------|--------|
| Approved County Tax Effort | 95,846 |
|----------------------------|--------|

**COUNTY RATE**  
**1.47**

**TOTAL RATE**  
**30.49**

|                                      |                  |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| Total Property Taxes Assessed        | 1,973,959        |
| Less: War Service Credits            | (9,450)          |
| Add: Village District Commitment(s)  | 0                |
| <b>Total Property Tax Commitment</b> | <b>1,964,509</b> |

**PROOF OF RATE**

| Net Assessed Valuation             |            | Tax Rate | Assessment |
|------------------------------------|------------|----------|------------|
| State Education Tax (no utilities) | 62,277,746 | 4.97     | 309,484    |
| All Other Taxes                    | 65,220,946 | 25.52    | 1,664,475  |
|                                    |            |          | 1,973,959  |

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TOWN OF BENNINGTON  
GENERAL ACCOUNT  
2003

|                      |          |    |                |
|----------------------|----------|----|----------------|
| Cash Balance as at : | 1/1/03   | \$ | 385,587.90     |
| Plus Receipts        |          |    | 2,798,183.12   |
| Less Disbursements   |          |    | (2,671,576.44) |
| Cash Balance as at:  | 12/31/03 | \$ | 512,194.58     |

TOWN OF BENNINGTON  
CONSERVATION FUND  
2003

|                      |          |    |          |
|----------------------|----------|----|----------|
| Cash Balance as at : | 1/1/03   | \$ | 4,315.00 |
| Interest Earned      |          |    | 20.43    |
| Cash Balance as at:  | 12/31/03 | \$ | 4,335.43 |

TOWN OF BENNINGTON  
Bennington Police Dept - Special Revenue Fund  
2003

|                      |          |    |          |
|----------------------|----------|----|----------|
| Cash Balance as at : | 1/1/03   | \$ | 1,337.73 |
| Plus Receipts        |          | \$ | -        |
| Less Service Charge  |          | \$ | -        |
| Less Checks          |          | \$ | -        |
| Plus Interest        |          |    | 1.51     |
| Less Disbursements   |          |    | (801.15) |
| Cash Balance as at:  | 12/31/03 | \$ | 538.09   |

TOWN OF BENNINGTON  
DRIVEWAY SECURITY ACCOUNT  
2003

|                                 |          |    |            |
|---------------------------------|----------|----|------------|
| Cash Balance as at :            | 1/1/03   | \$ | 5,994.93   |
| Less check order                |          | \$ | (14.50)    |
| Plus Interest                   |          |    | 8.49       |
| Plus receipts 2003              |          |    | 4,000.00   |
| Security Deposits returned 2003 |          |    | (4,000.00) |
| Cash Balance as at:             | 12/31/03 | \$ | 5,988.92   |

TOWN OF BENNINGTON  
NHMA - PLIT  
2003

|                      |          |    |          |
|----------------------|----------|----|----------|
| Cash Balance as at : | 1/1/03   | \$ | 1,336.26 |
| Plus Interest        |          |    | 6.33     |
| Cash Balance as at:  | 12/31/03 | \$ | 1,342.59 |

TOWN OF BENNINGTON  
Marshall Bennett - Escrow Account  
2003

|                      |          |    |          |
|----------------------|----------|----|----------|
| Cash Balance as at : | 1/1/03   | \$ | 1,313.00 |
| Plus Interest        |          |    | 6.22     |
| Cash Balance as at:  | 12/31/03 | \$ | 1,319.22 |

Joyce L. Miner  
Treasurer

**Town Clerk's Revenue Report**  
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2003

|   |                           |              |
|---|---------------------------|--------------|
| Motor Vehicle Registrations               |                           | \$232,802.36 |
| Motor Vehicle Copy Fee                    |                           | 165.00       |
| Municipal Agent Fees                      |                           | 4,660.00     |
| Motor Vehicle Titles                      |                           | 850.00       |
| Motor Vehicle Mail Program                |                           | 226.00       |
| UCC Filings                               |                           | 452.37       |
| Marriage Licenses:                        | Town                      | 91.00        |
|   | State                     | 494.00       |
| Certified Copies:                         | Town                      | 146.00       |
|   | State                     | 290.00       |
| Dog Licenses:                             | Town                      | 1,720.50     |
|   | State                     | 191.50       |
|   | Animal Population Control | 716.00       |
| Dog License Fines                         |                           | 240.00       |
| Bad Check Fees                            |                           | 121.00       |
| Election Fees                             |                           | 4.00         |
| Total Revenue Collected by the Town Clerk |                           | \$243,169.73 |

I hereby certify that the above is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
*Debra Belcher, Town Clerk*



**TOWN OF BENNINGTON**

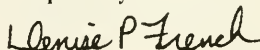
**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT**

**Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2003**

|                                   | <b>2003</b>           | <b>2002</b>         |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| <b>UNCOLLECTED TAXES 01/01/03</b> |                       |                     |
| Property Taxes                    |                       | \$157,949.24        |
| Land Use Change                   |                       | \$3,800.00          |
| Yield Taxes                       |                       | \$212.40            |
| Excavation Tax                    |                       | \$4.56              |
| <b>TAXES COMMITTED THIS YEAR</b>  |                       |                     |
| Property Taxes                    | \$1,968,955.00        |                     |
| Land Use Change Taxes             | \$3,250.00            |                     |
| Yield Taxes                       | \$6,791.96            |                     |
| Excavation Taxes                  | \$1,669.08            |                     |
| <b>OVERPAYMENT</b>                |                       |                     |
| Property Taxes                    | \$10,294.74           | \$64.00             |
| 2004 Prepaid                      | \$17.98               |                     |
| <b>INTEREST - FEES</b>            | \$1,944.52            | \$10,654.10         |
| <b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>               | <b>\$1,992,923.28</b> | <b>\$172,684.30</b> |
| <b>REMITTED TO TREASURER 2003</b> |                       |                     |
| Property Taxes                    | \$1,818,881.42        | \$94,308.70         |
| Land Use Change Taxes             | \$3,250.00            | \$3,800.00          |
| Yield Taxes                       | \$6,791.96            |                     |
| Interest/Fees                     | \$1,944.52            | \$10,654.10         |
| Excavation Taxes                  | \$1,669.08            | \$4.56              |
| Conversion to Lien (prinicipal)   |                       | \$61,521.94         |
| <b>ABATEMENTS</b>                 |                       |                     |
| Property Taxes                    | \$10.00               | \$2,395.00          |
| Current Levy Deeded               | \$640.00              |                     |
| <b>UNCOLLECTED TAXES 12/31/03</b> |                       |                     |
| Property Taxes                    | \$159,736.30          |                     |
| <b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>              | <b>\$1,992,923.28</b> | <b>\$172,684.30</b> |

A list of unpaid accounts is available for public inspection,  
at Town Hall, during regular office hours.

Respectfully Submitted



**Denise P. French**

CERTIFIED TAX COLLECTOR



**TOWN OF BENNINGTON**  
**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT**  
**SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS**

**Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2003**

|                                    |          | TAX LIEN ON ACCOUNT OF LEVIES: |                    |                    | ELDERLY/<br>DISABLED<br>TAX LIEN |
|------------------------------------|----------|--------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|
|                                    |          | 2002                           | 2001               | PRIOR              |                                  |
| Unredeemed Liens January 1, 2003   |          |                                | \$51,112.79        | \$31,428.88        | \$59,582.99                      |
| Liens Executed 2003                |          | \$69,945.41                    |                    |                    | \$2,331.00                       |
| Interest & Costs Collected         | Interest | \$1,407.16                     | \$3,737.26         | \$10,129.77        | \$1,623.39                       |
| After Lien Execution               | Costs    | \$414.70                       | \$489.20           | \$1,760.64         | \$61.48                          |
| Paid Prior to Deed                 |          |                                |                    | 144.71             |                                  |
| <b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>                |          | <b>\$71,767.27</b>             | <b>\$55,339.25</b> | <b>\$43,464.00</b> | <b>\$63,598.86</b>               |
| <hr/>                              |          |                                |                    |                    |                                  |
| <b>REMITTANCE TO TREASURER</b>     |          |                                |                    |                    |                                  |
| Redemptions                        |          | \$22,190.27                    | \$15,713.14        | \$30,262.25        | \$4,336.00                       |
| Interest & Costs                   |          | \$1,821.86                     | \$4,226.46         | \$11,890.41        | \$1,684.87                       |
| Refund at Tax Deed                 |          |                                |                    | \$144.71           |                                  |
| Liens Deeded to Municipality       |          | \$605.14                       | \$647.30           | \$430.84           |                                  |
| Unredeemed Tax Liens<br>12/31/2003 |          | \$47,150.00                    | \$34,752.35        | \$735.79           | \$57,577.99                      |
| <b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>               |          | <b>\$71,767.27</b>             | <b>\$55,339.25</b> | <b>\$43,464.00</b> | <b>\$63,598.86</b>               |

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*Denise P. French*

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CERTIFIED TAX COLLECTOR

## WATER & SEWER FINANCIAL REPORT

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2003

Unpaid Balance January 1, 2003

\$ 3,883.91

### Charges:

|                       |                 |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Water Usage           | \$44,561.82     |
| Water Interest        | 235.47          |
| Shut-off Notice Fees  | 330.00          |
| Lien Fees             | 51.00           |
| Water Department Fees | 200.00          |
| Sewer Usage           | 25,787.56       |
| Sewer Interest        | + <u>105.22</u> |

Total Charges

+ 71,271.07  
75,154.98

Prepaid 2004 Water

+ 8.08

Conversion to Lien

- 1,860.68

Receipts to Treasurer

- 62,514.67

### Abatements

|       |                |
|-------|----------------|
| Water | 137.86         |
| Sewer | + <u>88.85</u> |

Total Abatements

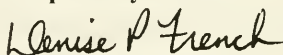
- 226.71

Unpaid Water & Sewer December 31, 2003

\$10,561.00

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at Town Hall, during regular office hours.

Respectfully Submitted



Denise P. French

CERTIFIED TAX COLLECTOR

**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS**  
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2003

**LOCAL TAXES FOR CURRENT YEAR**

|                     |             |
|---------------------|-------------|
| Property Tax        | \$1,818,881 |
| Land Use Change Tax | \$3,250     |
| Yield Tax           | \$6,792     |
| Excavation Tax      | \$1,669     |
| Interest/Penalties  | \$1,945     |

\$1,832,537

**LOCAL TAXES FROM PREVIOUS YEARS**

|                             |          |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| Property Tax                | \$94,309 |
| Land Use Change Tax         | \$3,800  |
| Excavation Tax              | \$5      |
| Interest/Penalties          | \$10,654 |
| Tax Liens Redeemed          | \$72,502 |
| Tax Lien Interest/Penalties | \$19,624 |

\$200,894

**WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT**

\$62,515

**TOWN CLERK REVENUE**

\$243,170

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL TRANSFERS**

|                  |          |
|------------------|----------|
| Library          | \$2,491  |
| Police Cruiser   | \$2,858  |
| Revaluation      | \$40,200 |
| Water Department | \$5,328  |
| Sewer Department | \$9,697  |

\$60,574

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE**

|                            |          |
|----------------------------|----------|
| Emergency Management Grant | \$1,965  |
| Shared Revenue Grant       | \$93,727 |
| Highway Block Grant        | \$35,388 |
| Water Pollution Grant      | \$12,217 |
| DWI Grant                  | \$1,595  |
| Speed Patrol Grant         | \$1,596  |
| Snow Removal Grant         | \$2,040  |

\$148,528

**TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES**

\$199,960

**CEMETERY/PERPETUAL CARE**

\$559

**LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES**

|                          |         |
|--------------------------|---------|
| Building Permits         | \$1,690 |
| Recycle/Disposal Tickets | \$3,314 |
| Demolition Permits       | \$30    |
| Driveway Permits         | \$50    |
| Cable Franchise Fees     | \$2,705 |
| Pistol Permits           | \$70    |

|                |              |
|----------------|--------------|
| Sign Permits   | \$10         |
| Court Fines    | \$8,582      |
| Bad Check Fees | <u>\$260</u> |

\$16,711

INCOME FROM DEPARTMENTS

|                           |             |
|---------------------------|-------------|
| Police                    | \$2,051     |
| Recreation                | \$90        |
| Planning                  | \$524       |
| Zoning                    | \$684       |
| Recycling                 | \$6,068     |
| Cemetery                  | \$100       |
| Election and Registration | \$85        |
| Photocopies               | <u>\$64</u> |

\$9,666

REIMBURSEMENTS

|                    |              |
|--------------------|--------------|
| Legal Costs        | \$619        |
| Health Insurance   | \$3,405      |
| Property Insurance | \$2,347      |
| PD Special Details | \$6,605      |
| Welfare Department | <u>\$144</u> |

\$13,120

TOTAL 2003 RECEIPTS

\$2,788,234

**STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES**  
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2003

**EXECUTIVE OFFICE**

|                          |          |          |
|--------------------------|----------|----------|
| Selectmen Salaries       | \$2,250  |          |
| Telephone                | \$2,449  |          |
| Computer                 | \$5,463  |          |
| Xerox Machine Rental     | \$1,698  |          |
| Dues and Subscriptions   | \$758    |          |
| Advertising              | \$1,006  |          |
| General Supplies         | \$298    |          |
| Office Supplies          | \$2,134  |          |
| Postage                  | \$2,806  |          |
| Miscellaneous Expenses   | \$192    |          |
| Administrative Assistant | \$39,076 |          |
| Part-Time Office Support | \$21,043 |          |
| Mileage/Expenses         | \$1,232  |          |
| Moderator's Salary       | \$20     |          |
| Town Report Printing     | \$1,943  |          |
| Newsletter Printing      | \$895    |          |
| Total Executive Office   |          | \$83,263 |

**ELECTION AND REGISTRATION**

|                                       |          |          |
|---------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Town Clerk                            | \$12,114 |          |
| Deputy Town Clerk                     | \$3,102  |          |
| Assistant Town Clerk                  | \$2,838  |          |
| Dues and Subscriptions                | \$55     |          |
| Office Supplies                       | \$927    |          |
| Books & Periodicals                   | \$161    |          |
| Municipal Agent Mail Program          | \$53     |          |
| Supervisors of the Checklist          | \$225    |          |
| Supervisors of the Checklist - Conval | \$180    |          |
| Advertising                           | \$169    |          |
| Supervisors Office Supplies           | \$36     |          |
| Voter Ballot Clerks                   | \$111    |          |
| Election Printing                     | \$665    |          |
| Election Meals                        | \$77     |          |
| Total Election and Registration       |          | \$20,713 |

**FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION**

|                                      |          |          |
|--------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Acct Bank Services                   | \$16     |          |
| Auditing Services                    | \$5,712  |          |
| Assessing/Tax Map Maintenance        | \$3,162  |          |
| Tax Collector                        | \$16,674 |          |
| Tax Collector Dues and Subscriptions | \$20     |          |
| Tax Collector Fees                   | \$1,849  |          |
| Treasurer's Salary                   | \$750    |          |
| Overlay                              | \$64     |          |
| Refunds - Town Clerk                 | \$339    |          |
| Refunds - Tax Collector              | \$10,439 |          |
| Total Financial Administration       |          | \$39,025 |

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|---|----------|--|-----------|
| JUDICIAL & LEGAL EXPENSE                |          |  |           |
| General Legal Support                   | \$17,861 |  |           |
| Defense Proceedings                     | \$2,122  |  |           |
| Total Judicial & Legal Expense          |          |  | \$19,983  |
| PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION                |          |  |           |
| Group Health Insurance                  | \$71,676 |  |           |
| Group Dental Insurance                  | \$3,306  |  |           |
| FICA                                    | \$12,899 |  |           |
| Medicare                                | \$3,637  |  |           |
| Group 1 Retirement                      | \$7,907  |  |           |
| Police Retirement                       | \$6,849  |  |           |
| Unemployment Compensation               | \$98     |  |           |
| Workers Compensation                    | \$5,474  |  |           |
| Total Personnel Administration          |          |  | \$111,846 |
| PLANNING AND ZONING                     |          |  |           |
| Recording Secretary                     | \$1,273  |  |           |
| SWRPC Member Dues                       | \$1,557  |  |           |
| Miscellaneous                           | \$538    |  |           |
| Master Plan                             | \$2,824  |  |           |
| ZBA Miscellaneous                       | \$1,133  |  |           |
| Total Planning and Zoning               |          |  | \$7,325   |
| GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS            |          |  |           |
| Custodial/Groundskeeping                | \$5,561  |  |           |
| Security/Fire System Maintenance        | \$1,091  |  |           |
| Electricity                             | \$2,061  |  |           |
| Heat & Oil                              | \$2,598  |  |           |
| Repairs and Maintenance                 | \$1,305  |  |           |
| Total General Government                |          |  | \$12,616  |
| CEMETERIES                              |          |  |           |
| Evergreen Groundskeeping/Laborer        | \$2,266  |  |           |
| Evergreen Maintenance Supplies          | \$6      |  |           |
| Evergreen Equipment Rental/Lease        | \$478    |  |           |
| Sunnyside Groundskeeping/Laborer        | \$2,674  |  |           |
| Total Cemeteries                        |          |  | \$5,424   |
| PROPERTY/LIABILITY/BOND INSURANCE       |          |  |           |
| NHMA-PLIT Annual Premium                | \$13,703 |  |           |
| Deductible Coverage                     | \$1,000  |  |           |
| Total Property/Liability/Bond Insurance |          |  | \$14,703  |
| CONTINGENCY FUND                        |          |  |           |
| General Contingency Fund                | \$1,426  |  |           |
| Abatement Interest                      | \$2      |  |           |
| Total Contingency Fund                  |          |  | \$1,428   |
| POLICE DEPARTMENT                       |          |  |           |
| Police Chief                            | \$45,340 |  |           |
| Patrol Officer                          | \$33,431 |  |           |



|                                 |          |
|---------------------------------|----------|
| Overtime                        | \$11,274 |
| Part-Time Officers Salary       | \$13,069 |
| Crossing Guard Salary           | \$3,619  |
| Holiday Compensation            | \$4,067  |
| Special Detail Wages            | \$4,921  |
| Traffic Enforcement Grant       | \$3,196  |
| Administrative Telephone        | \$2,673  |
| Cellular Telephone              | \$520    |
| Lease of Pagers                 | \$312    |
| Photo Services                  | \$285    |
| Dispatch Services               | \$3,483  |
| Equipment/Training Supplies     | \$2,798  |
| Administrative Office Supplies  | \$557    |
| Maintenance/Repair of Equipment | \$1,061  |
| Administrative Gasoline         | \$4,602  |
| Administrative Vehicle Repairs  | \$1,949  |
| Books/Periodicals               | \$105    |
| Uniforms                        | \$1,209  |
| Miscellaneous                   | \$300    |

Total Police Department

\$138,771

AMBULANCE SERVICE

|                  |         |
|------------------|---------|
| Antrim Ambulance | \$7,500 |
|------------------|---------|

Total Ambulance Service

\$7,500

FIRE DEPARTMENT

|                             |         |
|-----------------------------|---------|
| Elected Chiefs Salaries     | \$1,500 |
| Administrative Telephone    | \$1,770 |
| Dispatch Services           | \$2,886 |
| General Supplies            | \$2,793 |
| Firefighter Emergency Calls | \$4,500 |
| Medical                     | \$1,288 |
| Fire Prevention Materials   | \$428   |
| Training                    | \$4,018 |
| Equipment Replacement       | \$6,985 |
| Equipment Upgrade           | \$6,855 |
| Radio Repairs               | \$145   |
| Gasoline                    | \$482   |
| Repair - Vehicles           | \$2,516 |
| Electricity                 | \$1,495 |
| Heating Oil                 | \$1,210 |
| Repairs/Maintenance         | \$2,203 |

Total Fire Department

\$41,074

BUILDING INSPECTION

|                             |         |
|-----------------------------|---------|
| Building Inspector's Salary | \$1,090 |
|-----------------------------|---------|

Total Building Inspection

\$1,090

GENERAL HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

|                        |          |
|------------------------|----------|
| Road Agent Salary      | \$30,436 |
| Highway Laborer Salary | \$31,102 |
| Road Agent Overtime    | \$3,622  |

|                               |         |
|-------------------------------|---------|
| Highway Laborer Overtime      | \$4,199 |
| Highway Part-Time Laborer     | \$2,178 |
| Telephone                     | \$480   |
| Drug/Alcohol Testing          | \$274   |
| Garage Electricity            | \$752   |
| Highway Garage Heat           | \$1,948 |
| Barn Maintenance/Repairs      | \$231   |
| General Supplies              | \$1,450 |
| Street Signs                  | \$245   |
| Equipment Maintenance/Repairs | \$2,992 |
| Gasoline/Oil                  | \$4,489 |
| Vehicle Maintenance/Repair    | \$5,625 |
| Miscellaneous                 | \$189   |

Total General Highway Department

\$90,212

HIGHWAYS AND STREETS

|                        |          |
|------------------------|----------|
| Tar/Patch/Seal         | \$19,399 |
| Paving                 | \$35,975 |
| Paving/Recon Equipment | \$2,525  |
| Road Drainage Supplies | \$1,600  |
| Snow/Ice Supplies      | \$16,425 |
| Hired Plowing/Sanding  | \$7,573  |
| Gravel Preparation     | \$3,850  |

Total Highways and Streets

\$87,347

STREET LIGHTING

|                             |         |
|-----------------------------|---------|
| Street Lighting Electricity | \$6,817 |
|-----------------------------|---------|

Total Street Lighting

\$6,817

TRANSFER STATION

|                               |          |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| Attendants                    | \$24,125 |
| Household Hazardous Waste Day | \$620    |
| Post-Closure Costs            | \$9,312  |
| Telephone                     | \$407    |
| Hauling and Disposal          | \$43,794 |
| Electricity                   | \$605    |
| Shed Heat                     | \$73     |
| General Supplies              | \$649    |
| Equipment Maintenance         | \$12     |
| Certification                 | \$75     |
| Miscellaneous                 | \$76     |
| Recyclables Removal           | \$5,726  |
| Container Lease               | \$2,875  |
| NHRRRA Annual Dues            | \$100    |

Total Transfer Station

\$88,449

WATER DEPARTMENT

|                                 |          |
|---------------------------------|----------|
| Labor Wages                     | \$85     |
| Commissioners Salaries          | \$230    |
| Town of Antrim                  | \$20,055 |
| NE Rural Water Association Dues | \$175    |
| Postage                         | \$417    |

|                          |         |          |
|--------------------------|---------|----------|
| Miscellaneous            | \$143   |          |
| Telephone                | \$664   |          |
| Electricity              | \$6,615 |          |
| Pumphouse Heat           | \$1,334 |          |
| Line Repairs/Maintenance | \$3,895 |          |
| Corrosion Control        | \$2,081 |          |
| Total Water Department   |         | \$35,694 |

#### SEWER DEPARTMENT

|                                   |          |          |
|-----------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Sewage Treatment - Town of Antrim | \$20,547 |          |
| Electricity                       | \$1,788  |          |
| Repair/Maintenance                | \$5,160  |          |
| Total Sewer Department            |          | \$27,495 |

#### HEALTH DEPARTMENT

|                         |            |         |
|-------------------------|------------|---------|
| Health Officer          | \$1,018.00 |         |
| Deputy Health Officer   | \$80       |         |
| Miscellaneous           | \$68       |         |
| Total Health Department |            | \$1,166 |

#### HEALTH AGENCIES

|                                    |         |         |
|------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Home Health Care                   | \$4,000 |         |
| Monadnock Family and Mental Health | \$1,769 |         |
| Total Health Agencies              |         | \$5,769 |

#### WELFARE DEPARTMENT

|                                 |         |          |
|---------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Welfare Officer                 | \$5,097 |          |
| Telephone Reimbursement         | \$2     |          |
| Dues and Subscriptions          | \$30    |          |
| Postage                         | \$20    |          |
| Rental Assistance               | \$4,790 |          |
| St. Joseph Community Services   | \$390   |          |
| Vendor Payments - Medical       | \$1,513 |          |
| Vendor Payments - Food          | \$149   |          |
| Vendor Payments - Electric/Heat | \$939   |          |
| Miscellaneous                   | \$65    |          |
| Total Welfare Department        |         | \$12,995 |

#### PARKS AND RECREATION

|                             |         |  |
|-----------------------------|---------|--|
| Telephone                   | \$758   |  |
| Christmas Party             | \$292   |  |
| Fishing Derby               | \$200   |  |
| Activities                  | \$1,677 |  |
| Little League               | \$1,250 |  |
| Miscellaneous               | \$34    |  |
| Groundskeeping              | \$5,509 |  |
| Electricity - Newhall Field | \$474   |  |
| Ballfield Chemical Toilets  | \$1,280 |  |
| Recreation Facilities       | \$6,345 |  |
| Lifeguard Salary            | \$1,919 |  |
| Beach Groundskeeping        | \$122   |  |
| Beach Improvements          | \$41    |  |

|                                   |           |           |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Beach Water Sample/Analysis       | \$40      |           |
| Total Parks and Recreation        |           | \$19,941  |
| LIBRARY                           |           |           |
| Librarian Salary                  | \$24,168  |           |
| Librarian Assistants              | \$12,693  |           |
| Book Collection                   | \$15,000  |           |
| Media Collection                  | \$4,000   |           |
| Telephone                         | \$1,045   |           |
| Building Electricity              | \$832     |           |
| Building Heating Oil              | \$1,369   |           |
| Grounds Maintenance               | \$425     |           |
| Building Maintenance              | \$1,655   |           |
| Photo Copier Supplies             | \$1,367   |           |
| Program Supplies                  | \$1,000   |           |
| Conference/Fees                   | \$1,600   |           |
| Technology                        | \$155     |           |
| Total Library                     |           | \$65,309  |
| PATRIOTIC PURPOSES                |           |           |
| Old Home Days                     | \$2,839   |           |
| Memorial Day                      | \$428     |           |
| Total Patriotic Purposes          |           | \$3,267   |
| SCHOLARSHIP                       |           |           |
| Edward French Scholarship         | \$2,000   |           |
| Total Edward French Scholarship   |           | \$2,000   |
| CONSERVATION COMMISSION           |           |           |
| Dues and Subscriptions            | \$60      |           |
| Total Conservation Commission     |           | \$60      |
| PRINCIPAL - LONG TERM NOTES       |           |           |
| Note Repayments                   | \$1,300   |           |
| General Obligation Debt           | \$31,750  |           |
| Total Principal - Long Term Notes |           | \$33,050  |
| INTEREST - LONG TERM NOTES        |           |           |
| Interest on Notes                 | \$179     |           |
| Interest General Obligation Debt  | \$12,065  |           |
| Total Interest - Long Term Notes  |           | \$12,244  |
| TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES            |           |           |
| Principal - Tax Anticipation Note | \$200,000 |           |
| Interest - Tax Anticipation Note  | \$1,552   |           |
| Total Tax Anticipation Notes      |           | \$201,552 |
| CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS             |           |           |
| Fire Truck Capital Reserve        | \$15,000  |           |
| Highway Equipment Capital Reserve | \$10,000  |           |
| Rescue Capital Reserve            | \$10,000  |           |
| Police Cruiser Capital Reserve    | \$12,500  |           |

|                                    |          |           |
|------------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Mower Capital Reserve              | \$1,000  |           |
| Library Capital Reserve            | \$5,000  |           |
| Highway Truck Capital Reserve      | \$10,000 |           |
| Water Capital Reserve              | \$8,000  |           |
| Sewer Capital Reserve              | \$5,000  |           |
| Bridge Replacement Capital Reserve | \$5,000  |           |
| Bridge Maintenance Capital Reserve | \$5,000  |           |
| Town Buildings Capital Reserve     | \$10,000 |           |
| Sidewalk Construction              | \$11,000 |           |
| Property Revaluation               | \$26,500 |           |
| Total Capital Reserve Funds        |          | \$134,000 |

2003 WARRANT ARTICLES

|                               |         |             |
|-------------------------------|---------|-------------|
| Fire Department Radio Lease   | \$8,147 |             |
| Cemetery Repairs              | \$1,350 |             |
| Selectmen's Computer/Software | \$6,630 |             |
| Library Computers             | \$3,600 |             |
| Project LIFT                  | \$450   |             |
| Total 2003 Warrant Articles   |         | \$20,177.00 |

**TOTAL 2003 EXPENDITURES**

**\$1,352,305.00**

# 2003 PAYROLL

|                           |                     |
|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Molly N. Anderson         | \$204.00            |
| Robert M. Anderson        | \$ 1,415.25         |
| Suzanne Baker             | \$270.50            |
| Debra Belcher             | \$12,109.38         |
| Thomas J. Belcher         | \$535.50            |
| Thomas S. Belcher         | \$3,077.42          |
| Aaron B. Bequeath         | \$3,575.00          |
| David Blanchard           | \$34,560.15         |
| Matthew Blanchard         | \$80.00             |
| Dawn A. Bond              | \$16,594.68         |
| Jessica L. Brown          | \$14.68             |
| Catherine C. Campbell     | \$681.50            |
| C. Stephen Campbell       | \$56,102.04         |
| Josephine Carrara         | \$33.00             |
| Scott Champagne           | \$42.00             |
| Mark. S. Chase            | \$580.00            |
| David M. Chenard          | \$6,303.00          |
| James W. Cleary           | \$750.00            |
| Donald Clough, Jr.        | \$80.00             |
| Melissa A. Clough         | \$11,619.40         |
| Dominic Collemacine       | \$20.00             |
| Casey Cook                | \$40.00             |
| Drusilla Cox              | \$33.00             |
| John J. Cronin, III       | \$20.00             |
| Joseph C. Cuddemi         | \$750.00            |
| Franklin D. Dalton        | \$1,360.00          |
| Denise P. French          | \$37,225.05         |
| John R. French            | \$40.00             |
| Kristie J. French         | \$6,487.75          |
| Meredith L. Germain       | \$299.26            |
| Patricia C. Goodwin       | \$928.51            |
| Chester D. Heinzman Jr.   | \$750.00            |
| Robert C. Hom             | \$50.00             |
| Barbara A. Huntley        | \$6,115.00          |
| Walter D. Kiblin          | \$35,860.65         |
| Howard Mabry              | \$12.00             |
| Leslie MacGregor          | \$24,168.00         |
| Philip M. Marcellino      | \$45,807.61         |
| Darlene L. McKenney       | \$135.00            |
| Lester P. Milton          | \$3,283.50          |
| Joyce L. Miner            | \$750.00            |
| Keith Nason               | \$166.68            |
| Joseph O'Brien            | \$268.52            |
| Donald G. Parker, Sr.     | \$15,070.75         |
| Jeffrey C. Parsons        | \$340.00            |
| Adam Perry                | \$2,042.13          |
| Caleb S. Platt            | \$250.93            |
| William B. Reid           | \$19,795.63         |
| Terry D. Schnare          | \$750.00            |
| Vera M. Spanos            | \$1,488.00          |
| Walter E. Starkweather    | \$70.00             |
| Michael Tacy              | \$10,448.46         |
| Victoria Turner           | \$135.00            |
| Deborah M. Whitney        | \$3,101.75          |
| Paul Whitney              | \$315.00            |
| Carrie B. Whittemore      | \$130.29            |
| Allan D. Wilson           | \$166.68            |
| Glenn P. Wilson           | \$290.00            |
| Dorothy A. Zabriskie      | \$3,618.79          |
| Michael A. Zabriskie      | \$1,383.76          |
| <b>TOTAL 2003 PAYROLL</b> | <b>\$372,595.20</b> |

# REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS, BENNINGTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2003

| Date of Creation               | Name of Trust Fund           | Purpose of Trust Fund       | PRINCIPAL        |                   |                      |              |                 |                    |             |              |                  |                     | INCOME |  |  |               | Grand Total of Principal & Income At year end |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|-------------------|----------------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------|--------------|------------------|---------------------|--------|--|--|---------------|---|
|                                |                              |                             | Balance Beg Year | New Funds Created | Cash Gains or Losses | Withdrawals  | Balance Yr. end | Income During Year |             |              | Balance End Year |                     |        |  |  |               |   |
|                                |                              |                             |                  |                   |                      |              |                 | Balance Beg Year   | %           | Amount       |                  | Extended During Yr. |        |  |  |               |   |
| CEMETERY FUNDS                 |                              |                             |                  |                   |                      |              |                 |                    |             |              |                  |                     |        |  |  |               |   |
| Vinuous                        | Mt. Calvary Cemetery         | Perpetual & General Care    | 775.00           |                   |                      | 775.00       | 775.00          | 229.25             |             | 36.18        |                  | 285.44              |        |  |  |               | 1,040.44                                      |
| Vinuous                        | Sunside Cemetery             | "                           | 12,011.73        |                   |                      |              | 12,011.73       | 2,643.79           |             | 871.54       | 0.00             | 3,285.33            |        |  |  |               | 15,277.06                                     |
| Vinuous                        | Evergreen Cemetery           | "                           | 13,288.75        | 1,100.00          |                      |              | 14,388.75       | 1,415.06           |             | 1,146.24     | 558.16           | 2,002.14            |        |  |  |               | 16,391.89                                     |
| TOTAL CEMETERY FUNDS           |                              |                             | \$ 26,075.48     | \$ 1,100.00       |                      | \$ 27,176.48 | \$ 4,288.10     |                    | \$ 1,803.87 | \$ 558.16    | \$ 5,532.91      |                     |        |  |  | \$ 32,709.39  |   |
| Library Funds                  |                              |                             | 80,241.40        |                   |                      | 80,241.40    |                 |                    |             | 3,747.23     | 3,747.23         |                     |        |  |  | 86,241.40     |   |
| Vinuous                        | 1994 Edward French           | General Expense Scholarship | 1,103.97         |                   |                      | 1,103.97     |                 | 189.69             |             | 8.94         |                  | 176.63              |        |  |  | 1,280.60      |   |
| CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS          |                              |                             |                  |                   |                      |              |                 |                    |             |              |                  |                     |        |  |  |               |   |
| 1990 Fire Truck                | Bank CD's BHH & NHPDP        |                             | 89,004.48        | 15,000.00         |                      | 104,004.48   | 12,537.65       |                    | 5,118.40    |              | 17,656.03        |                     |        |  |  | 121,660.54    |   |
| 1893 Water Department          | Bank CD's BHH & NHPDP        | equipment                   | 25,229.28        | 8,000.00          |                      | 28,101.28    | 5,444.25        |                    | 1,556.34    |              | 7,006.59         |                     |        |  |  | 35,101.87     |   |
| 1993 Forestry Truck            | Bank CD's BHH                |                             | 17,516.77        | 0.00              |                      | 17,516.77    | 2,508.85        |                    | 948.34      |              | 3,458.18         |                     |        |  |  | 20,874.86     |   |
| 1994 Library                   | Bank CD's BHH & NHPDP        | structure repair equipment  | 36,000.00        | 5,000.00          |                      | 41,000.00    | 6,292.86        |                    | 713.38      | 8,416.00     | 590.25           |                     |        |  |  | 41,590.25     |   |
| 1897 Sewer Department          | D's, 1st Essex, BHH & NHPDP  |                             | 23,900.00        | 5,000.00          |                      | 20,000.00    | 3,656.00        |                    | 1,225.82    | 1,186.86     | 3,887.86         |                     |        |  |  | 23,887.86     |   |
| 1897 Rescue Truck              | CD's, 1st Essex, BHH & NHPDP |                             | 17,079.28        | 10,000.00         |                      | 27,079.28    | 2,646.83        |                    | 873.08      |              | 3,522.92         |                     |        |  |  | 30,602.20     |   |
| 1897 Highway Dept Equipment    | 1st Essex CD & NHPDP         |                             | 1,576.81         | 12,718.00         |                      | 14,291.81    | 80.89           |                    | 100.69      |              | 187.48           |                     |        |  |  | 14,479.28     |   |
| 1899 Highway Dept Truck        | CD's, 1st Essex, BHH & NHPDP |                             | 55,767.66        | 10,000.00         |                      | 65,767.66    | 4,371.19        |                    | 2,361.45    |              | 6,732.64         |                     |        |  |  | 72,500.30     |   |
| 1999 Police Dept Cruiser       | Bank CD's BHH & NHPDP        |                             | 10,587.82        | 12,500.00         |                      | 20,228.63    | 157.86          |                    | 374.83      | 0.00         | 532.69           |                     |        |  |  | 20,763.32     |   |
| 1999 Highway Dept Mower        | Bank CD's BHH & NHPDP        |                             | 4,503.33         | 1,000.00          |                      | 5,503.33     | 405.62          |                    | 167.13      |              | 582.95           |                     |        |  |  | 6,086.28      |   |
| 2001 Bridge Expensitable Trust | 1st Essex CD& NHPDP          |                             | 13,103.34        | 5,000.00          |                      | 18,103.34    | 252.75          |                    | 248.86      |              | 481.73           |                     |        |  |  | 18,594.07     |   |
| 2001 Town Building             | Bank CD's BHH & NHPDP        |                             | 20,670.11        | 10,000.00         |                      | 30,670.11    | 200.76          |                    | 386.37      |              | 587.13           |                     |        |  |  | 31,257.24     |   |
| 2001 Bridge Replacement        | 1st Essex CD & NHPDP         |                             | 31,000.00        | 5,000.00          |                      | 36,000.00    | 2,119.03        |                    | 1,197.55    |              | 3,288.58         |                     |        |  |  | 39,288.58     |   |
| 2001 Fire Dept Ratics          | NHPDP                        |                             | 174.76           |                   |                      | 174.76       | 0.00            |                    | 0.04        | 0.00         | 0.04             |                     |        |  |  | 174.80        |   |
| 2002 Sirehawk Repair           | BHH CD & NHPDP               |                             | 29,000.00        | 11,000.00         |                      | 40,000.00    | 243.43          |                    | 823.43      |              | 765.97           |                     |        |  |  | 40,766.97     |   |
| 2002 Revaulation               | BHH CD & NHPDP               |                             | 16,000.00        | 25,000.00         |                      | 40,200.00    | 117.66          |                    | 258.30      |              | 376.95           |                     |        |  |  | 1,076.99      |   |
| TOTALS                         |                              |                             | \$ 487,355.30    | \$ 137,815.00     |                      | \$ 43,097.98 | \$ 578,264.31   | \$ 45,506.73       |             | \$ 21,983.19 | \$ 11,919.35     | \$ 55,180.57        |        |  |  | \$ 633,464.86 |   |



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# Vachon, Clukay & Co., PC

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Board of Selectmen  
Town of Bennington, New Hampshire

We have compiled the financial statements of the Town of Bennington, New Hampshire for the year ended December 31, 2003 included in the accompanying Form F-65 (MS-5), in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Our compilation was limited to presenting in the form prescribed by the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration, information that is the representation of Town Officials. We have not audited or reviewed the financial statements referred to above and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on them.

The financial report, Form F-65 (MS-5), is presented in accordance with the requirements of the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration which differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Accordingly, these financial statements are not designed for those who are not informed about such differences.

January 21, 2004

*Vachon, Clukay & Co., PC*

FORM F-65 (MS-5)  
(10-1-2003)STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION  
COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISIONANNUAL CITY/TOWN  
FINANCIAL REPORT  
R.S.A. CHAPTER 21-JTown of Bennington  
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Part I GENERAL FUND - Revenues and expenditures for the period - Specify -

January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003

OR

July 1, 200\_\_ to June 30, 200\_\_

## A. REVENUES - Modified Accrual

|  | Account<br>No.<br>(a) | Amount<br>(b)       |
|--|-----------------------|---------------------|
| <b>1. Revenues from taxes (Including state education)</b>  |                       |                     |
| a. Property taxes (commitment less overlay<br>plus Section C, line 6, column (c), page 12)   | 3110                  | T01<br>\$ 1,967,671 |
| b. State and local taxes assessed<br>for school districts \$ 1,302,457   | 4933                  |                     |
| c. Land use change taxes   | 3120                  | T01<br>3,250        |
| d. Resident taxes  | 3180                  | T01                 |
| e. Timber taxes  | 3185                  | T01<br>6,792        |
| f. Payments in lieu of taxes   | 3186                  | U99                 |
| g. Other taxes (Explain on separate schedule)  | 3189                  | T01                 |
| h. Interest and penalties on delinquent taxes  | 3190                  | T01<br>30,537       |
| i. Excavation Tax (@ \$ 02 per cu. yd.)  | 3187                  | T99<br>1,669        |
| j. <b>TOTAL (Excluding line 1b)</b>  |                       | \$ 2,009,919        |
| <b>2. TOTAL revenues for education purposes</b><br>(This entry should be used by the few municipalities which<br>have dependent school districts only) |                       | \$                  |
| <b>3. Revenue from licenses, permits, and fees</b>   |                       | T99                 |
| a. Business licenses and permits   | 3210                  | 452                 |
| b. Motor vehicle permit fees   | 3220                  | T01<br>238,831      |
| c. Building permits  | 3230                  | T99<br>1,690        |

| Part I GENERAL FUND (Continued)                                    |                 |            |
|--|-----------------|------------|
| A. REVENUES - Modified Accrual (Continued)                         | Account No. (a) | Amount     |
| 3. Revenue from licenses, permits, and fees (Continued)            |                 | T99 (b)    |
| d. Other licenses, permits, and fees                               | 3290            | 8,679      |
| e. TOTAL   |                 | \$ 249,652 |
| 4. Revenue from the federal government                             |                 | B50        |
| a. Housing and urban renewal (HUD)                                 | 3311            | \$         |
|  |                 | B89        |
| b. Environmental protection  | 3312            |            |
| c. Other federal grants and reimbursements - Specify -             |                 | B89        |
| FEMA   | 3319            | 4,005      |
| d. TOTAL   |                 | \$ 4,005   |
| 5. Revenue from the State of New Hampshire                         |                 | C30        |
| a. Shared revenue block grant                                      | 3351            | \$ 51,171  |
|  |                 | C30        |
| b. Meals and rooms distribution                                    | 3352            | 42,556     |
|  |                 | C46        |
| c. Highway block grant   | 3353            | 35,388     |
|  |                 | C89        |
| d. Water pollution grants  | 3354            | 12,217     |
|  |                 | C50        |
| e. Housing and community development                               | 3355            |            |
|  |                 | C89        |
| f. State and federal forest land reimbursement                     | 3356            |            |
|  |                 | C89        |
| g. Flood control reimbursement                                     | 3357            |            |
| h. Other state grants and reimbursements - Specify -               |                 | C          |
| Police grants  | 3359            | 4,620      |
| i. TOTAL   |                 | \$ 145,952 |
| 6. Revenue from other governments                                  |                 | D          |
| Intergovernmental revenue - Other                                  | 3379            | \$         |
| 7. Revenue from charges for services (Exclude interfund transfers) |                 | A89        |
| a. Income from departments   | 3401            | \$ 10,469  |
|  |                 | A91        |
| b. Water supply system charges                                     | 3402            | 45,198     |
|  |                 | A80        |
| c. Sewer user charges  | 3403            | 25,804     |
|  |                 | A81        |
| d. Garbage-refuse charges  | 3404            | 6,068      |
|  |                 | A92        |
| e. Electric user charges   | 3405            |            |
|  |                 | A01        |
| f. Airport fees  | 3406            |            |
|  |                 | A60        |
| g. Parking   |                 | A94        |
|  |                 | A61        |
| h. Transit or bus system   |                 |            |
|  |                 | A89        |
| i. Parks and Recreation  |                 |            |
| j. Other Charges   | 3409            |            |
| k. TOTAL   |                 | \$ 87,539  |

| Part I GENERAL FUND (Continued)  |                    |               |
|--|--------------------|---------------|
| A. REVENUES - Modified Accrual (Continued)   | Account No.<br>(a) | Amount<br>(b) |
| <b>8. Revenue from miscellaneous sources</b>   |                    |               |
| a. Special assessments   | 3500               | U01 \$        |
| b. Sale of municipal property  | 3501               | U11 100       |
| c. Interest on investments   | 3502               | U20           |
| d. Rents of property   | 3503               | U40           |
| e. Fines and forfeits  | 3504               | U99 9,070     |
| f. Insurance dividends and reimbursements  | 3506               | U99 5,152     |
| g. Contributions and donations   | 3508               | U99           |
| h. Other miscellaneous sources not otherwise classified  | 3509               | U99           |
| i. TOTAL   |                    | \$ 14,322     |
| <b>9. Interfund operating transfers in</b>   |                    |               |
| a. Transfers from special revenue fund   | 3912               | \$            |
| b. Transfers from capital projects fund  | 3913               |               |
| c. Transfers from proprietary funds  | 3914               |               |
| d. Transfers from capital reserve fund   | 3915               |               |
| e. Transfers from trust and agency funds   | 3916               | 559           |
| f. TOTAL   |                    | \$ 559        |
| <b>10. Other financial sources</b>   |                    |               |
| a. Proceeds from long-term notes and general obligation bonds                                  | 3934               | \$            |
| b. Proceeds from all other bonds   | 3935               |               |
| c. Other long-term financial sources   | 3939               |               |
| d. TOTAL   |                    | \$            |
| <b>11. TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES</b>   |                    | \$ 2,511,948  |
| <b>12. TOTAL FUND EQUITY</b> (Beginning of year)<br>(Should equal line B.2f, column b, page 9) |                    | \$ 211,071    |
| <b>13. TOTAL OF LINES 11 AND 12</b><br>(Should equal line 21, page 8)                          |                    | \$ 2,723,019  |
| Remarks  |                    |               |

**Part I GENERAL FUND (Continued)**

| <b>B. EXPENDITURES - Modified Accrual</b>         | <b>Account No. (a)</b> | <b>Current expenditure (b)</b> | <b>Equipment and land purchases (c)</b> | <b>Construction (d)</b> |
|---|------------------------|--------------------------------|---|-------------------------|
| <b>1. General government</b>                      |                        |                                |   |                         |
| a. Executive                                      | 4130                   | E29<br>\$ 89,619               | G29<br>\$ 6,630                         | F29<br>\$               |
| b. Election and registration                      | 4140                   | E89<br>20,360                  | G89                                     | F89                     |
| c. Financial administration                       | 4150                   | E23<br>27,855                  | G23                                     | F23                     |
| d. Revaluation of property                        | 4152                   | E23                            | G23                                     | F23                     |
| e. Legal expense                                  | 4153                   | E25<br>21,112                  | G25                                     | F25                     |
| f. Personnel administration                       | 4155                   | E29<br>111,846                 | G29                                     | F29                     |
| g. Planning and zoning                            | 4191                   | E29<br>7,325                   | G29                                     | F29                     |
| h. General government building                    | 4194                   | E31<br>12,656                  | G31                                     | F31                     |
| i. Cemeteries                                     | 4195                   | E89<br>6,774                   | G89                                     | F89<br>1,350            |
| j. Insurance not otherwise allocated              | 4196                   | E89<br>14,703                  | G89                                     | F89                     |
| k. Advertising and regional association           | 4197                   | E89                            | G89                                     | F89                     |
| l. Other general government                       | 4199                   | E89<br>1,426                   | G89                                     | F89                     |
| m. <b>TOTAL</b>                                   |                        | \$ 313,676                     | \$ 6,630                                | \$ 1,350                |
| <b>2. Public safety</b>                           |                        |                                |   |                         |
| a. Police   | 4210                   | E62<br>\$ 140,244              | G62                                     | F62<br>\$               |
| b. Ambulance                                      | 4215                   | E32<br>7,500                   | G32                                     | F32                     |
| c. Fire   | 4220                   | E24<br>49,221                  | G24                                     | F24                     |
| d. Building inspection                            | 4240                   | E66<br>1,090                   | G66                                     | F66                     |
| e. Emergency management                           | 4290                   | F89                            | G89                                     | F89                     |
| f. Other public safety (including communications) | 4299                   | E89                            | G89                                     | F89                     |
| g. <b>TOTAL</b>                                   |                        | \$ 198,055                     | \$                                      | \$                      |
| <b>3. Airport/Aviation center</b>                 |                        |                                |   |                         |
| a. Administration                                 | 4301                   | \$                             | \$                                      | \$                      |
| b. Airport operations                             | 4302                   |                                |   |                         |
| c. Other  | 4309                   |                                |   |                         |
| d. <b>TOTAL</b>                                   |                        | E01<br>\$                      | G01<br>\$                               | F01<br>\$               |

Remarks

**Part I GENERAL FUND (Continued)**
**B. EXPENDITURES - Modified Accrual (Continued)**

|  | Account<br>No.<br>(a) | Current<br>expenditure<br>(b) | Equipment and<br>land purchases<br>(c) | Construction<br>(d) |
|--|-----------------------|-------------------------------|--|---------------------|
| <b>4. Highways and streets</b>             |                       |                               |  |                     |
| a. Administration                          | 4311                  | \$ 87,904                     |  |                     |
| b. Highways and streets                    | 4312                  | 89,261                        |  |                     |
| c. Bridges                                 | 4313                  |                               |  |                     |
| d. Street lighting                         | 4316                  | 6,817                         |  |                     |
| e. Other highway, streets, and bridges     | 4319                  |                               |  |                     |
| f. <b>TOTAL</b>                            |                       | E44<br>\$ 183,982             | G44<br>\$                              | F44<br>\$           |
| <b>5. Sanitation</b>                       |                       | E80                           | G80                                    | F80                 |
| a. Administration                          | 4321                  | \$ 23,797                     | \$                                     | \$                  |
| b. Solid waste collection                  | 4323                  | 2,049                         | G81                                    | F81                 |
| c. Solid waste disposal                    | 4324                  | 63,179                        | G81                                    | F81                 |
| d. Solid waste clean-up                    | 4325                  |                               | G81                                    | F81                 |
| e. Sewage collection and disposal          | 4326                  | 27,495                        | G80                                    | F80                 |
| f. Other sanitation                        | 4329                  |                               | G80                                    | F80                 |
| g. <b>TOTAL</b>                            |                       | \$ 116,520                    | \$                                     | \$                  |
| <b>6. Water distribution and treatment</b> |                       |                               |  |                     |
| a. Administration                          | 4331                  | \$ 21,105                     | \$                                     | \$                  |
| b. Water services                          | 4332                  | 14,015                        |  |                     |
| c. Water treatment                         | 4335                  | 2,081                         |  |                     |
| d. Water conservation                      | 4338                  |                               |  |                     |
| e. Other water                             | 4339                  |                               |  |                     |
| f. <b>TOTAL</b>                            |                       | E91<br>\$ 37,201              | G91<br>\$                              | F91<br>\$           |
| <b>7. Electric</b>                         |                       |                               |  |                     |
| a. Administration                          | 4351                  | \$                            | \$                                     | \$                  |
| b. Generation                              | 4352                  |                               |  |                     |
| c. Purchase costs                          | 4353                  |                               |  |                     |
| d. Equipment maintenance                   | 4354                  |                               |  |                     |
| e. Other electric                          | 4359                  |                               |  |                     |
| f. <b>TOTAL</b>                            |                       | E92<br>\$                     | G92<br>\$                              | F92<br>\$           |

**Part I GENERAL FUND (Continued)**

| <b>B. EXPENDITURES - Modified Accrual (Continued)</b>  | <b>Account No. (a)</b> | <b>Current expenditure (b)</b> | <b>Equipment and land purchases (c)</b> | <b>Construction (d)</b> |
|--|------------------------|--------------------------------|---|-------------------------|
| <b>8. Health</b>   |                        |                                |   |                         |
| a. Administration  | 4411                   | \$ 1,166                       | \$                                      | \$                      |
| b. Pest control  | 4414                   |                                |   |                         |
| c. Health agencies and hospitals   | 4415                   | 5,769                          |   |                         |
| d. Vital statistics  | 4140                   |                                |   |                         |
| e. Other health  | 4419                   |                                |   |                         |
| f. TOTAL   |                        | E32<br>\$ 6,935                | G32<br>\$                               | F32<br>\$               |
| <b>9. TOTAL expenditures for education purposes</b><br><i>(This entry should be used by the few municipalities which have dependent school districts only)</i> |                        | \$                             | \$                                      | \$                      |
| <b>10. Welfare</b>   |                        | E79                            | G79                                     | F79                     |
| a. Administration  | 4441                   | \$ 5,149                       | \$                                      | \$                      |
| b. Direct assistance   | 4442                   | E67<br>4,790                   |   |                         |
| c. Intergovernmental welfare payments  | 4444                   | M79<br>390                     |   |                         |
| d. Vendor payments   | 4445                   | E75<br>2,601                   |   |                         |
| e. Other welfare   | 4449                   | E79<br>65                      | G79                                     | F79                     |
| f. TOTAL   |                        | \$ 12,995                      | \$                                      | \$                      |
| <b>11. Culture and recreation</b>  |                        | E61                            | G61                                     | F61                     |
| a. Parks and recreation  | 4520                   | \$ 19,497                      | \$                                      | \$                      |
| b. Library   | 4550                   | E62<br>45,857                  | G62                                     | F62                     |
| c. Patriotic purposes  | 4583                   | E61<br>3,267                   | G61                                     | F61                     |
| d. Other culture and recreation  | 4589                   | E61<br>2,450                   | G61                                     | F61                     |
| e. TOTAL   |                        | \$ 71,071                      | \$                                      | \$                      |
| <b>12. Conservation</b>  |                        |                                |   |                         |
| a. Administration  | 4611                   | \$ 60                          | \$                                      | \$                      |
| b. Purchase of natural resources   | 4612                   |                                |   |                         |
| c. Other conservation  | 4619                   |                                |   |                         |
| d. TOTAL   |                        | E59<br>\$ 60                   | G59<br>\$                               | F59<br>\$               |
| <b>13. Redevelopment and housing</b>   |                        |                                |   |                         |
| a. Administration  | 4631                   | \$                             | \$                                      | \$                      |
| b. Redevelopment and housing   | 4632                   |                                |   |                         |
| c. TOTAL   |                        | E50<br>\$                      | G50<br>\$                               | F50<br>\$               |



**Part I GENERAL FUND (Continued)**

| <b>B. EXPENDITURES - Modified Accrual (Continued)</b> | <b>Account No. (a)</b> | <b>Current expenditure (b)</b> | <b>Equipment and land purchases (c)</b> | <b>Construction (d)</b> |
|---|------------------------|--------------------------------|---|-------------------------|
| <b>14. Economic development</b>                       |                        |                                |   |                         |
| a. Administration                                     | 4651                   | \$                             | \$                                      | \$                      |
| b. Economic development                               | 4652                   |                                |   |                         |
| c. Other economic development                         | 4659                   |                                |   |                         |
| d. <b>TOTAL</b>                                       |                        | E89<br>\$                      | G89<br>\$                               | F89<br>\$               |
| <b>15. Debt service</b>                               |                        |                                |   |                         |
| a. Principal long term bonds and notes                | 4711                   | \$ 33,050                      |   |                         |
| b. Interest on long term bonds and notes              | 4721                   | 189<br>12,244                  |   |                         |
| c. Interest on tax and revenue anticipation notes     | 4723                   | 189<br>1,592                   |   |                         |
| d. Other debt service charges                         | 4790                   | E23                            |   |                         |
| e. <b>TOTAL</b>                                       |                        | \$ 46,886                      |   |                         |
| <b>16. Capital outlay</b>                             |                        |                                | G                                       | F                       |
| a. Land and improvements                              | 4901                   |                                | \$                                      | \$                      |
| b. Machinery, vehicles, and equipment                 | 4902                   |                                | G                                       |                         |
| c. Buildings  | 4903                   |                                |   | F                       |
| d. Improvements other than buildings                  | 4909                   |                                |   | F                       |
| e. <b>TOTAL</b>                                       |                        |                                | G<br>\$                                 | F<br>\$                 |
| <b>17. Interfund operating transfers out</b>          |                        |                                |   |                         |
| a. Transfers to special revenue funds                 | 4912                   | \$ 22,600                      |   |                         |
| b. Transfers to capital projects funds                | 4913                   |                                |   |                         |
| c. Transfers to proprietary funds                     | 4914                   |                                |   |                         |
| d. Transfers to capital reserve funds                 | 4915                   | 134,000                        |   |                         |
| e. Transfers to trust and agency funds                | 4916                   |                                |   |                         |
| f. <b>TOTAL</b>                                       |                        | \$ 156,600                     |   |                         |

Remarks

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**Part III GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET - Please specify the period -**

As of December 31, 2003 OR June 30, 200\_\_

**A. ASSETS**
**1. Current assets**

|  | Account<br>number<br>(a) | Beginning of year<br>(b) | End of year<br>(c) |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| a. Cash and equivalents                          | 1010                     | \$ 388,024               | \$ 512,195         |
| b. Investments                                   | 1030                     |                          | 1,343              |
| c. Taxes receivable (See worksheet, page 12)     | 1080                     | 149,269                  | 159,736            |
| d. Tax liens receivable (See worksheet, page 12) | 1110                     | 94,862                   | 80,216             |
| e. Accounts receivable                           | 1150                     | 3,641                    | 10,519             |
| f. Due from other governments                    | 1260                     |                          |                    |
| g. Due from other funds                          | 1310                     | 8,349                    |                    |
| h. Other current assets                          | 1400                     |                          |                    |
| i. Tax deeded property (subject to resale)       | 1670                     |                          |                    |
| j. <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b> (Should equal line B3)    |                          | \$ 644,145               | \$ 764,009         |

**B. LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY**
**1. Current liabilities**

|                                  |      |            |            |
|----------------------------------|------|------------|------------|
| a. Warrants and accounts payable | 2020 | \$ 15,179  | \$ 4,946   |
| b. Compensated absences payable  | 2030 |            |            |
| c. Contracts payable             | 2050 |            |            |
| d. Due to other governments      | 2070 | 493        | 3,309      |
| e. Due to school districts       | 2075 | 411,975    | 577,896    |
| f. Due to other funds            | 2080 | 3,990      | 200        |
| g. Deferred revenue              | 2220 | 114        | 114        |
| h. Notes payable - Current       | 2230 |            |            |
| i. Bonds payable - Current       | 2250 |            |            |
| j. Other payables Deposits       | 2270 | 1,323      | 1,323      |
| k. <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>      |      | \$ 433,074 | \$ 587,788 |

**2. Fund equity**

|  |      |            |            |
|--|------|------------|------------|
| a. Reserve for encumbrances (Please detail on page 18)       | 2440 | \$ 2,000   | \$         |
| b. Reserve for continuing appropriations (Detail on page 18) | 2450 |            |            |
| c. Reserve for appropriations voted from surplus             | 2460 |            |            |
| d. Reserve for special purposes (Please detail on page 18)   | 2490 |            |            |
| e. Unreserved fund balance                                   | 2530 | 209,071    | 176,221    |
| f. <b>TOTAL FUND EQUITY</b>                                  |      | \$ 211,071 | \$ 176,221 |

**3. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY**

|                        |  |            |            |
|------------------------|--|------------|------------|
| (Should equal line A1) |  | \$ 644,145 | \$ 764,009 |
|------------------------|--|------------|------------|

| Part IV GENERAL FUND  |                    |  |              |             |            |
|---|--------------------|--|--------------|-------------|------------|
| A. FIXED ASSET GROUP OF ACCOUNTS As of December 31, 2003 OR June 30, 200__ (Please specify date)  |                    |  |              |             |            |
|   | Account number (a) | Beginning of year  |              | End of year |            |
|   |                    | Debit (b)  | Credit (c)   | Debit (d)   | Credit (e) |
| 1. Land and improvements  | 1610               | As with the majority of New Hampshire communities the Town has not maintained historical cost records of its investment in General Fixed Assets. |              |             |            |
| 2. Buildings  | 1620               |  |              |             |            |
| 3. Machinery, vehicles, and equipment   | 1640               |  |              |             |            |
| 4. Construction in progress   | 1650               |  |              |             |            |
| 5. Improvements other than buildings  | 1660               |  |              |             |            |
| 6. Tax deeded property  | 1670               |  |              |             |            |
| 7. Investment in general fixed assets   | 2800               |  |              |             |            |
| 8. TOTAL  |                    | \$   | \$           | \$          | \$         |
| B. LONG-TERM DEBT GROUP OF ACCOUNTS As of December 31, 2003 OR June 30, 200__ (Please Specify Date)   |                    |  |              |             |            |
|   | Account number (a) | Beginning of year  |              | End of year |            |
|   |                    | Debit (b)  | Credit (c)   | Debit (d)   | Credit (e) |
| 1. Bond proceeds not used   | 1810               | \$   |              | \$          |            |
| 2. Amount to be provided for the retirement of long-term debt   | 1820               | 314,860  |              | 304,457     |            |
| 3. Notes and bonds payable - Long-term  | 2310               |  | 221,500      |             | 188,450    |
| 4. Other long-term liabilities  | 2390               |  | 93,360       |             | 116,007    |
| 5. TOTAL  |                    | \$ 314,860   | \$ 314,860   | \$ 304,457  | 304,457    |
| C. PLEASE LIST THE ANNUAL REQUIREMENTS TO AMORTIZE ALL GENERAL OBLIGATION<br>(Debt as of (enter date) December 31, 2003 for the ensuing five years) |                    |  |              |             |            |
|   | Year (a)           | Principal (b)  | Interest (c) | Total (d)   |            |
| 1.  | 2004               | \$ 33,050  | \$ 10,187    | \$43,237    |            |
| 2.  | 2005               | 33,050   | 8,172        | 41,222      |            |
| 3.  | 2006               | 21,750   | 6,577        | 28,327      |            |
| 4.  | 2007               | 21,750   | 5,412        | 27,162      |            |
| 5.  | 2008               | 21,750   | 4,247        | 25,997      |            |
| 6. SUBTOTAL (Sum of lines 1-5)  |                    | 131,350  | 34,595       | 165,945     |            |
| 7. Remaining periods of debt  |                    |  |              | 63,515      |            |
| 8. TOTAL  |                    | \$ 131,350   | \$ 34,595    | 229,460     |            |

**D. AMORTIZATION OF LONG-TERM DEBT** As of December 31, 2003 OR June 30, 200\_\_ (Please specify Date)

| Description<br>(a) | Original<br>obligation<br>(b) | Purpose<br>(c) | Annual<br>installment<br>(d) | Interest rate<br>(e) | Date of final<br>payment<br>(f) | Bonds o/s at<br>beginning of<br>year<br>(g) | Bonds issued<br>this year<br>(h) | Bonds retired<br>this year<br>(i) | Bonds o/s at<br>end of year<br>(j) |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Water - 1981       | \$ 352,400                    | Water          | \$ Variable                  | 5.00%                | Nov. 2010                       | \$ 135,400                                  | \$                               | 17,000                            | \$ 118,400                         |
| Sewer - 1984       | 28,234                        | Sewer          | 1,300                        | 5.00%                | Oct. 2004                       | 3,900                                       |                                  | 1,300                             | 2,600                              |
| Sewer - 1985       | 245,000                       | Sewer          | 10,000                       | 8.60%                | Feb. 2005                       | 30,000                                      |                                  | 10,000                            | 20,000                             |
| Sewer - 1986       | 128,200                       | Sewer          | 4,750                        | 6.63%                | Feb. 2013                       | 52,200                                      |                                  | 4,750                             | 47,450                             |
|                    |                               |                |                              |                      |                                 |   |                                  |                                   |                                    |
|                    |                               |                |                              |                      |                                 |   |                                  |                                   |                                    |
|                    |                               |                |                              |                      |                                 |   |                                  |                                   |                                    |
|                    |                               |                |                              |                      |                                 |   |                                  |                                   |                                    |
|                    |                               |                |                              |                      |                                 |   |                                  |                                   |                                    |
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|                    |                               |                |                              |                      |                                 |   |                                  |                                   |                                    |
|                    |                               |                |                              |                      |                                 |   |                                  |                                   |                                    |
| TOTAL              | \$                            |                |                              |                      |                                 | \$ 221,500                                  | \$                               | 33,050                            | \$ 188,450                         |

Other long term obligation include:

|                                  |           |
|----------------------------------|-----------|
| Capital Lease                    | \$ 26,727 |
| Land fill postclosure care costs | \$ 89,280 |



| Part V RECONCILIATIONS  |            |                      |                   |               |
|---|------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| <b>A. RECONCILIATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT LIABILITY</b>   |            | Amount               |                   |               |
| 1. School district liability at beginning of year<br>(Account number 2075, column b, on page 9)   | \$         | 411,975              |                   |               |
| 2. ADD: School district assessment for current year   |            | 1,302,457            |                   |               |
| 3. TOTAL LIABILITY WITHIN CURRENT YEAR (Sum of lines 1 and 2)   |            | 1,714,432            |                   |               |
| 4. SUBTRACT: Payments made to school district   | (          | 1,136,536            |                   |               |
| 5. School district liability at end of year (line 3 less line 4)<br>(Account number 2075, column c, on page 9)                                  |            | 577,896              |                   |               |
| <b>B. RECONCILIATION OF TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES</b>  |            | Amount               |                   |               |
| 1. Short-term (TANS) debt at beginning of year  | 61V<br>\$  | -                    |                   |               |
| 2. ADD: New issues during current year  |            | 200,000              |                   |               |
| 3. SUBTRACT: Issues retired during current year   | (          | 200,000              |                   |               |
| 4. Short-term (TANS) debt outstanding at end of year (Lines 1 + 2 - 3)<br>(Be sure to include (TANS) in Account number 2230, column c, page 9)  | 64V        |                      |                   |               |
| <b>PLEASE REFER TO THE INSTRUCTIONS TO COMPLETE SECTIONS C AND D</b>  |            |                      |                   |               |
| <b>C. ALLOWANCE FOR ABATEMENTS WORKSHEET</b>  |            | Current year<br>(a)  | Prior year<br>(b) | TOTAL<br>(c)  |
| 1. Overlay/Allowance for Abatements (Beginning of year)*  | 5,024      | 60,000               | 65,024            |               |
| 2. SUBTRACT: Abatements made (From tax collector's report)  | ( 650 )    | ( 4,078 )            | ( 4,728 )         |               |
| 3. SUBTRACT: Discounts  | ( )        | ( )                  | ( )               |               |
| 4. SUBTRACT: Refunds (Cash abatements)  | ( )        | ( )                  | ( )               |               |
| 5. ESTIMATED ALLOWANCE FOR ABATEMENTS AT END OF YEAR**  | ( )        | ( 60,000 )           | ( 60,000 )        |               |
| 6. Excess of estimate (Add to revenue on page 1, line 1a)   | 4,374      | (4,078)              | 296               |               |
| *Use overlay amount for column (a) and use last year's balance of line 5, Allowance for Abatements for column b (see your form from last year). |            |                      |                   |               |
| **The amount in column c will go into line 1(b) for next year's worksheet.  |            |                      |                   |               |
| <b>D. TAXES/LIENS RECEIVABLE WORKSHEET</b>  |            | 1080<br>taxes<br>(a) | 1110 liens<br>(b) | TOTALS<br>(c) |
| 1. Uncollected, end of year   | \$ 159,736 | \$ 140,216           | \$ 299,952        |               |
| 2. SUBTRACT: "Overlay" carried forward as Allowance for Abatements<br>(from Worksheet C, line 5)  | ( )        | ( 60,000 )           | ( 60,000 )        |               |
| 3. Receivable, end of year*   | 159,736    | 80,216               | 239,952           |               |
| *(These amounts are entered on page 9, account number 1080 and 1110, column c)  |            |                      |                   |               |

| <div> <div>Part VI</div> <div> SUMMARY OF REVENUES FOR ALL OTHER FUNDS - Please specify the period -<br/> January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003 OR July 1, 200__ to June 30, 200__ </div> </div> |                         |                        |                   |                         |
|---|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
|   | Capital projects<br>(a) | Special revenue<br>(b) | Proprietary funds |                         |
|   |                         |                        | Enterprise<br>(c) | Internal service<br>(d) |
| <b>REVENUE AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>  |                         |                        |                   |                         |
| 1. Revenue from taxes   | T01                     | T01                    | T01               |                         |
|   | \$                      | \$                     | \$                | \$                      |
| 2. Revenue from licenses, permits, and fees   | T99                     | T99                    | T99               |                         |
| 3. Revenue from the federal government  | B89                     | B89                    | B89               |                         |
| 4. Revenue from the State of New Hampshire  | C89                     | C89                    | C89               |                         |
|   | D89                     | D89                    | D89               |                         |
| 5. Revenue from other governments   |                         |                        |                   |                         |
| 6. Revenue from charges for services  |                         |                        | A91               |                         |
| (a) Water supply system charges   |                         |                        | A80               |                         |
| (b) Sewer user charges  |                         |                        | A81               |                         |
| (c) Garbage/refuse collection charges   | A92                     | A92                    | A92               |                         |
| (d) Electric  | A01                     | A01                    | A01               |                         |
| (e) Airport and aviation  | A44                     | A44                    | A44               |                         |
| (f) Highway and toll facilities   | A61                     | A61                    | A61               |                         |
| (g) Parks and recreation  | A60                     | A60                    | A60               |                         |
| (h) Parking   | A94                     | A94                    | A94               |                         |
| (i) Transit or bus system   | A                       | A                      | A                 |                         |
| (j) Other - Specify -   |                         |                        |                   |                         |
| (1)   | A                       | A                      | A                 |                         |
| (2)   | A                       | A                      | A                 |                         |
| (3)   | A                       | A                      | A                 |                         |
| 7. Revenue from miscellaneous sources   | U20                     | U20                    | U20               |                         |
| (a) Interest on investments   |                         | 25                     |                   |                         |
| (b) Other miscellaneous sources   | U99                     | U99                    | U99               |                         |
|   |                         | 8,993                  |                   |                         |
| 8. Interfund operating transfers in   |                         |                        |                   |                         |
| 9. Other financial sources  |                         |                        |                   |                         |
| 10. TOTAL REVENUE AND OTHER SOURCES   | \$                      | \$                     | \$                | \$                      |
|   |                         | 9,018                  |                   |                         |



## SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES FOR ALL OTHER FUNDS - Please specify the period -

January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003 OR July 1, 200\_\_ to June 30, 200\_\_

| EXPENDITURES (BY FUNCTIONS)           | Capital projects<br>(a) | Special revenue<br>(b) | Proprietary funds |                         |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
|                                       |                         |                        | Enterprise<br>(c) | Internal service<br>(d) |
| 1. General government                 | F89<br>\$               | E89<br>\$              | E89<br>\$         | \$                      |
| 2. Public safety                      | F89                     | E89                    | E89               |                         |
| 3. Airport/Aviation center            | F01                     | E01                    | E01               |                         |
| 4. Highways and streets               | F44                     | E44                    | E44               |                         |
| 5. Sanitation                         | F80                     | E80                    | E80               |                         |
| 6. Water distribution and treatment   | F91                     | F91                    | F91               |                         |
| 7. Electric                           | F92                     | E92                    | E92               |                         |
| 8. Health                             | F32                     | E32                    | E32               |                         |
| 9. Welfare                            | F79                     | E79                    | E79               |                         |
| 10. Culture and recreation            | F61                     | E61                    | E61               |                         |
| 11. Parking                           | F60                     | E60                    | E60               |                         |
| 12. Transit or bus system             | F94                     | E94                    | E94               |                         |
| 13. Conservation                      | F59                     | E59                    | E59               |                         |
| 14. Redevelopment and housing         | F50                     | E50                    | E50               |                         |
| 15. Economic development              | F89                     | E89                    | E89               |                         |
| 16. Debt service                      |                         | E23                    | E23               |                         |
| 17. Capital outlay                    | F89                     | F89                    | F89               |                         |
| 18. Interfund operating transfers out |                         | 801                    |                   |                         |
| 19. Payments to other governments     |                         |                        |                   |                         |
| 20. TOTAL EXPENDITURES                | \$                      | \$                     | 38,573            | \$                      |

Remarks

| BALANCE SHEET FOR SUMMARY OF ALL OTHER FUNDS - Please specify the period - |                  |                 |                   |                  |  |
|--|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|--|
| As of December 31, 2003 OR June 30, 200__                                  |                  |                 |                   |                  |  |
| Account No.  | Capital projects | Special revenue | Proprietary funds |                  |  |
|  |                  |                 | Enterprise        | Internal service |  |
| (a)  | (b)              | (c)             | (d)               | (e)              |  |
| <b>A. ASSETS</b>   |                  |                 |                   |                  |  |
| <b>1. Current assets</b>   |                  |                 |                   |                  |  |
| (a) Cash and equivalents   | 1010 \$          | \$ 5,369        | \$                | \$               |  |
| (b) Investments  | 1030             |                 |                   |                  |  |
| (c) Accounts receivable  | 1150             |                 |                   |                  |  |
| (d) Due from other governments   | 1260             |                 |                   |                  |  |
| (e) Due from other funds   | 1310             |                 |                   |                  |  |
| (f) Other - Specify -  |                  |                 |                   |                  |  |
| <b>2. Fixed assets</b>   |                  |                 |                   |                  |  |
| (a) Land and improvements  | 1610 \$          | \$              | \$                | \$               |  |
| (b) Buildings  | 1620             |                 |                   |                  |  |
| (c) Machinery, vehicles, and equipment                                     | 1640             |                 |                   |                  |  |
| (d) Construction in progress   | 1650             |                 |                   |                  |  |
| (e) Improvements other than buildings                                      | 1660             |                 |                   |                  |  |
| (f) Other - Specify -  |                  |                 |                   |                  |  |
| <b>3. TOTAL ASSETS</b>   |                  |                 |                   |                  |  |
|  | \$               | \$ 5,369        | \$                | \$               |  |

**Part VIII** **BALANCE SHEET FOR SUMMARY OF ALL OTHER FUNDS (Continued)** - Please specify the period -  
As of December 31, 2003 OR June 30, 200\_\_

| B. LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY              | Account No.<br>(a) | Capital projects<br>(b) | Special revenue<br>(c) | Proprietary funds |                         |
|---|--------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
|   |                    |                         |                        | Enterprise<br>(d) | Internal service<br>(e) |
| <b>1. Liabilities</b>                       |                    |                         |                        |                   |                         |
| (a) Warrants and accounts payable           | 2020               | \$                      | \$                     | \$                | \$                      |
| (b) Compensated absences payable            | 2030               |                         |                        |                   |                         |
| (c) Contracts payable                       | 2050               |                         |                        |                   |                         |
| (d) Due to other governments                | 2070               |                         |                        |                   |                         |
| (e) Due to other funds                      | 2080               |                         |                        |                   |                         |
| (f) Deferred revenue                        | 2220               |                         |                        |                   |                         |
| (g) Notes and bonds payable                 |                    |                         |                        |                   |                         |
| (h) Other - Specify -                       |                    |                         |                        |                   |                         |
| (i) TOTAL LIABILITIES                       |                    | \$                      | \$                     | \$                | \$                      |
| <b>2. Fund equity/Capital</b>               |                    |                         |                        |                   |                         |
| (a) Reserve for encumbrances                | 2440               | \$                      | \$                     |                   |                         |
| (b) Reserve for special purposes            | 2490               |                         |                        |                   |                         |
| (c) Unreserved fund balance                 | 2530               |                         |                        |                   |                         |
| (d) Municipal contributed capital           | 2610               |                         |                        |                   |                         |
| (e) Other contributed capital               | 2620               |                         |                        |                   |                         |
| (f) Retained earnings                       | 2790               |                         |                        |                   |                         |
| (g) TOTAL FUND EQUITY                       |                    |                         | 5,369                  |                   |                         |
| <b>3. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</b> |                    | \$                      | \$ 5,369               | \$                | \$                      |

| Part IX  |   | SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION WORKSHEET |   |   |  |
|--|---|------------------------------------|---|---|--|
| <b>A. INTERGOVERNMENTAL EXPENDITURES</b><br>Report payments made to the State or other local governments on reimbursement or cost-sharing basis. Do not include these expenditures in part VII.  |   |                                    |   |   |  |
| Purpose<br>(a)   | Account<br>No.<br>(b)   | Amount<br>(c)                      |   |   |  |
| Payments made to other local governments for:  |   | M12                                |   |   |  |
| Schools  |   | \$                                 |   |   |  |
| Sewers   |   | M80                                |   |   |  |
| All other - County   | 4931  | M89                                |   |   |  |
| All other - Towns  | 4199  | M89                                |   |   |  |
| Payments made to State for:  |   | L44                                |   |   |  |
| Highways   | 4319  | L89                                |   |   |  |
| All other purposes   | 4199  |                                    |   |   |  |
| <b>B. DEBT OUTSTANDING, ISSUED, AND RETIRED</b>  |   |                                    |   |   |  |
| Long-term debt<br>purpose<br>(a)   | Bonds outstanding<br>at the beginning of<br>this fiscal year<br>(b) | Bonds during this fiscal year      |   | Outstanding at the end of this<br>fiscal year |  |
|  |   | Issued<br>(c)                      | Retired<br>(d)                                    | General obligations<br>(e)                    | Revenue bonds<br>(f)                     |
| Water - Sewer Utility  | 19A 221,500   | 29A                                | 39A 33,050  | 41A 188,450                                   | 44A                                      |
| Sewer  | 19X   | 29X                                | 39X   | 41X   | 44X                                      |
| Industrial revenue   | 19T   | 29T                                | 34T   |   | 44T                                      |
| All other debt   | 19X   | 29X                                | 39X   | 41X   | 44X                                      |
| Education  | 19H   | 29F                                | 39F   | 41F   | 44F                                      |
| Interest on water debt   | 19I   |                                    |   |   |  |
| <b>C. SALARIES AND WAGES</b><br>Report here the total salaries and wages paid to all employees of your city before deductions for social security, retirement, etc. include also salaries and wages paid to employees of any utility owned and operated by your government, as well as salaries and wages of city employees charged to construction projects. These amounts may be taken from the W3 form filed by your government for the year ended December 31. |   |                                    |   |   | Total wages paid<br>Z00<br><br>\$372,227 |
| <b>D. CASH AND INVESTMENTS HELD AT END OF FISCAL YEAR</b><br>Report separately for each of the two types of funds listed below, the total amount of cash on hand and on deposit and investments in Federal Government, Federal agency, State and local government, and non-governmental securities. Report all investments at par value. Exclude accounts receivable, value of real property, and all non-security assets.   |   |                                    |   |   |  |
| Type of fund<br>(a)  |   |                                    | Amount at end of fiscal year<br>Omit cents<br>(b) |   |  |
| Bond funds - Unexpended proceeds from sale of bond issues held pending disbursement  |   |                                    | W31   |   |  |
| All other funds except employee retirement funds   |   |                                    | W61   |   |  |
| All other funds except employee retirement funds   |   |                                    | \$1,249,678                                       |   |  |

Part X

DETAIL

This page may be used to provide the detail requested whenever "Explain" or "Specify" is found. If additional space is needed, please add extra pages using the following format. Please show the detail and the total for each.

| Account number | Item | Amount |
|----------------|------|--------|
| (a)            | (b)  | (c)    |
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Please Detail Reserves from page 9 (Balance Sheet).

| Account number | Description | Year voted | Warrant article number |
|----------------|-------------|------------|------------------------|
| (a)            | (b)         | (c)        | (d)                    |
|                |             |            |                        |
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**CERTIFICATION**

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Signatures of a majority of the governing body:

**GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS**

Three copies of this report are sent to each municipality. Selectmen, treasurer and tax collector are expected to cooperate in making out this report. When completed, one copy should be returned to the Department of Revenue Administration and one copy should be placed in your municipal records. The third copy is for use in preparing the annual printed report for the voters.

**Please be sure you have completed Part IX, Items A-D.**

**WHEN TO FILE: (R.S.A. 21-J)**

\* For cities/towns reporting on a calendar year basis, this report must be filed on or before April 1.

\* For cities/towns reporting on an optional fiscal year basis (year ending June 30), this report must be filed on or before September 1.

**WHERE TO FILE**

Department of Revenue Administration  
State of New Hampshire  
Community Services Division  
PO Box 487  
Concord, NH 03302-0487

## CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE

The 2004 funding for the Capital Improvement Plan Program totals \$119,000; down from \$134,000 appropriated a year ago.

By category/function the 2003 Capital Improvement Plan Committee took the following action on Capital Reserve Funds (CRF) and Expendable Trust Funds (ETF):

### Police Department:

2004 **Police Cruiser** replacement is estimated to cost \$28,300; \$20,762 is currently available in the CRF. Based on advice from the Department of Revenue Administration it was decided not to deposit money into this CRF in 2004 but to raise \$10,000 from general taxation; \$18,300 to be taken from the CRF.

### Highway Department:

**Highway Truck** replacement is scheduled for 2006; \$72,520 is currently available in the CRF. The Committee voted to continue the annual appropriation of **\$10,000**.

**Highway Equipment** CRF balance is \$14,479. The Committee voted to continue the annual appropriation of **\$10,000**.

**Mower** CRF balance is \$6,096. The Road Agent reported the current mower is in good shape. When the need arises, adequate funds are presently available for replacement of the mower. The Committee voted to discontinue the annual appropriation of \$1,000.

**Bridge Maintenance** EFT balance is \$18,595. Since there are no anticipated expenses for the ensuing year the Committee voted to reduce the appropriation to **\$3,000**.

**Bridge Replacement** CRF balance is \$39,287. The Committee voted to continue the annual appropriation of **\$5,000**.

**Sidewalk Replacement** CRF balance is \$40,767. The Selectmen have applied for a \$700,000 Grant to upgrade the sidewalks and drainage in the center of Town. The Town would be responsible for 20% matching funds (\$140,000). The Committee voted to continue the annual appropriation of **\$11,000**.

### Revaluation:

**Revaluation** CRF balance is \$1,677. The final payment of \$30,800 is due in 2004. The Committee voted to increase the appropriation to **\$30,000**.



**Fire Department:**

**Forestry Truck and Rescue Van** CRF balances total \$51,577. The Fire Department plans to combine these two CRF and ultimately purchase a combo Rescue/Mini-Pump. The approximate cost of the vehicle is \$115,000 or the Department could lease the vehicle. The current rescue vehicle would be converted into a forestry vehicle. The Committee voted to increase the appropriation to **\$12,000**.

**Fire Truck** CRF balance is \$121,661. The Committee voted to appropriate **\$15,000** toward the purchase of the 1989 KME Pumper replacement.

It appears that there is no funding currently being provided for the eventual replacement of the 1998 Pumper/Tanker.

**Water Department:**

**Water Department** CRF balance is \$35,102. The Committee voted to continue the annual appropriation of **\$8,000**.

Commissioner Wilson informed the Committee that the Town of Antrim wants to purchase a portable generator that could be transported between the two pump stations, as needed, to provide emergency power. The exact cost is unknown at this time, however, it is estimated to be in the \$35,000 range. It is possible the purchase will occur in 2004, however, it has not been confirmed yet.

**Sewer Department:**

**Sewer Department** CRF balance is \$23,688. The Committee voted to continue the annual appropriation of **\$5,000**.

**Library:**

**Library** CRF balance is \$41,590. The Committee voted to continue the annual appropriation of **\$5,000**.

**Town Buildings:**

**Town Buildings** ETF balance is \$31,257. The Committee recommended that all town buildings be reviewed, needs assessed, and a plan developed to address future growth. The Committee voted to reduce the appropriation to **\$5,000**.

In the near future, the Planning Board plans to impose Impact Fees when appropriate. Before the Fees can be levied the Town must have a solid Capital Improvement Plan in place. Funds have been appropriated in the Planning Board budget to pay for planning assistance from the Southwest Region Planning Commission. It is anticipated that the Capital Improvement Plan Committee will serve as a review board.

## CEMETERY TRUSTEES

The Trustees again arranged to have one broken headstone repaired and more straightened up. Also, we want to thank the Hillsborough County House of Corrections for sending up five inmates this Spring and Fall to work on the cemeteries for the cost of lunch.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Philip Traxler  
Jill S. Young  
Charles Zabriskie, Sr.  
Cemetery Trustees

## CEMETERY TRUSTEES FINANCIAL REPORT

### EXPENSES

|  |                    |
|--|--------------------|
| Peterborough Granite Repair of Gravestones | \$ 1,350.00        |
| William Cleary (fence repair)              | \$ 204.00          |
| Walter Starkweather - Labor                | \$ 70.00           |
| Mike Zabriskie - Labor                     | \$ 1,342.14        |
| Rental Equipment                           | \$ 412.00          |
| Lunch for Inmates                          | \$ 253.71          |
| Materials                                  | \$ 357.75          |
| Sunnyside Mowing                           | <u>\$ 2,400.00</u> |
| <b>Total</b>                               | <b>\$ 6,389.60</b> |

### RECEIPTS

|  |                    |
|--|--------------------|
| Interest Paid to the Town From Trust Funds | \$ 1,767.78        |
| Sale of Lots turned over to Town           | \$ 100.00          |
| Sale of Lots into Trust Funds              | <u>\$ 200.00</u>   |
| <b>Total</b>                               | <b>\$ 2,067.78</b> |

**GEP DODGE LIBRARY TREASURER'S REPORT  
DECEMBER 31, 2003**

**BEGINNING BALANCE** **\$ 46.57**

**INCOME**

|                    |              |
|--------------------|--------------|
| Book Replacement   | \$ 20.36     |
| Book Donations     | \$ 157.06    |
| Book Sale          | \$ 12.67     |
| Gifts Received     | \$ 1,862.76  |
| Interest/Misc Inc. | \$ 3.03      |
| Overdue            | \$ 151.73    |
| Copier Receipts    | \$ 185.26    |
| Receipts from Town | \$ 35,539.80 |

**TOTAL INCOME** **\$ 37,932.67**

**EXPENSES**

|                           |              |
|---------------------------|--------------|
| Books                     | \$ 18,306.95 |
| Reference/Resource Books  | \$ 2,866.04  |
| Audio/Video               | \$ 1,207.85  |
| Bank Fees                 | \$ 9.90      |
| Copier                    | \$ 1,180.00  |
| Cleaning/Maintenance      | \$ 6,254.43  |
| Program/Business Expenses | \$ 2,823.21  |
| Dues & Education          | \$ 615.00    |
| Postage & Delivery        | \$ 139.00    |
| Equipment/materials       | \$ 370.33    |
| Technology                | \$ 3,998.98  |

**TOTAL EXPENSES** **\$ 37,771.69**

**ENDING BALANCE** **\$ 207.55**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Michelle A. Hautanen  
Library Treasurer

## GEP DODGE LIBRARY

<http://www.dodgeliibrary.com>

This year the GEP Dodge library was the first public library in the state of New Hampshire to 'Go Wireless' thanks to generous computer genius Wagner Quintanilha. Being wireless gives us more flexibility and has saved us money by taking advantage of Adelphia's free Internet connection for public libraries, thus eliminating 2 phone lines and a dial-up Internet connection. Wagner Quintanilha has also networked our work computers, upgraded the public computer, monitored all the computers for viruses, and is always available to answer and resolve the interminable puzzles that computers present.

Early in the summer Victor Solod and his crew completely updated the library's electrical system and installed new circuit boxes. With the up to code electrical system we were finally able to install an air conditioner making the library tolerable and patron friendly on those incredibly hot & humid summer days.

The 2003 NH State summer reading program theme was, by tragic coincidence: '*Reading Rocks the Granite State*'. No one could have anticipated that this would have been the year that the *Old Man of the Mountain* would slide away. Shortly before that sad event we had designed our summer reading program t-shirt with the 'Old Man' as the main feature. Thanks to generous donations from the Bennington Garage, Elegant Settings, Jack Daniels Motor Inn, and the Monadnock Paper Mill we were able to offer the t-shirt to all reading program participants for free.

Our 2003 summer reading program mascot was a very friendly big blue dinosaur created by Debi Belcher and her helpers. The program was well attended by 87 summer readers who read 1,325 books, (approximately 3,640 pages), during our 6 week program. We had 11 story time volunteers, twice weekly programs, weekly drawings & trivia questions, 2 program parties and 3 organized but aborted field trips. The Bennington Country Store donated popsicles, and the Toadstool Book Shop offered discounted gift certificates to our excellent readers.

This fall the *Keith M. Sullivan Foundation* presented the Bennington, Greenfield, Antrim & Jaffrey libraries with \$1,000.00 each for new library shelving. The foundation raises money each year to fund projects that benefit children. Bennington's new shelving will be in place the first part of 2004.

In 2003 the library housed 17,519 books, 945 videos & DVDs, 422 music CDs, 413 books on tape, 42 periodicals, & 3 newspapers. Through, the NH State Library's interlibrary loan system, the library loaned 304 books and borrowed 223 books. The library answered 1,300 reference questions, and had a circulation of 14,800. The library is also a repository for public service information, has IRS forms, AARP sponsored free tax help, homebound services, NH tourist information, and a public bulletin board. At the library there are programs for children and adults, and a multi-generational summer reading program. Along with our many generous volunteers and community service students, the library has 8 rotating Sunday volunteers. In 2003 we had 176 new patrons register bringing the patron total to 1,406. Through the library's website, patrons can keep track of library events and link to many of the NH State library funded reference databases.

Come in and check us out, your 98 year old library is a modern, current and happening place where there is something for everyone.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie MacGregor  
Director

Melissa Clough  
Library Assistant

Michelle Hautanen - Treasurer  
Lisa Shingler - co-chair  
Carrie Whittemore - Chair  
Library Trustees

## BENNINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Another year has come to a close and I find it's time to reflect on the changes in your Bennington Historical Society. 2003 brought completion of the office addition to our museum with space allocated for a small kitchen, file area, storage and an office including our computer. We now have a telephone: (603) 588-4871. Ron McClure and the building committee did a wonderful job with Vice President Arnold Cernota at the helm. The cost of the addition was approximately \$28,000.

Gifts to the Society in 2003 included:

Richard and Eleanor Amidon donated a large and heavy safe. Mr. Pauquette of Hancock painted the safe inside and out and Ken Reed added the lettering "BENNINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY."

Amy Marrosa and Tony Lockwood gave a poster advertising a dance in Bennington in the early 1920's.

A Reaveley painting was given by Barbara Shea of Antrim – it will join our collection of Reaveley art works.

Arthur Allison of Antrim donated a picture of the covered bridge.

A hand-forged pin from the old railroad covered bridge was given by Mr. And Mrs. Joe Cuddemi.

David Glynn gave a thumb back chair and a flax wheel chair made by his grandfather, Louis Sylvester. The flax wheel chair has one wheel for the back and a half wheel on each side. In the antique world this reuse of sound objects is called a "Make Do" piece.

Herb and Lee Flanders donated a nice check to be used to purchase Bennington memorabilia.

The museum had a display of antique glass bottles on loan from Arnold and Jean Cernota. Some of the bottles are Stoddard New Hampshire glass and a portion of the collection formerly belonged to the late Steve Chase, Sr. Steve was an authority on glass made in Lyndeboro, Temple and Stoddard, New Hampshire. Steve lived on Route 202 where the Johnson family now lives.

The Society is saddened to report the deaths of some of our members and town folks. Noralee Sysyn (the "Hat" lady) is sorely missed – she was always ready to put on the musical programs as entertainment at our annual ham dinner. She was loved by many and enjoyed a large following of fans – she performed in all of the New England states and in London, England. Noralee was an honorary member of the Bennington Historical Society – we received a \$300 donation in her memory.

Another big loss to our Society and town is the death of Roger Magoon. Roger did all the foundation digging for the museum additions. He also regularly attended our dinners for the last twenty-five years, was a Society member and was a town selectman and served on many town committees and projects.

Silvio Zanga was a charter member of our Society and rarely missed a meeting and never was absent from our dinners. He always baked two chocolate cream pies that were very popular. Silvio also helped us with painting and he did all the wallpaper hanging in the museum. He was expert at his craft and was known throughout the area as perfectionist.

Last, but not least, we lost Sally Martel, a former town resident and Society member. She and her husband Peter attended most of our programs. Sally had a contagious smile and a happy personality – we will miss her.

Jessica Brown formed a youth group for our society. They wrote a play about the origin of Bennington seceding from Hancock Factory Village in 1842. They performed the play in August at the Pierce School.

John Porter did a presentation on old Barns. We had a big turnout of fifty people including guests from several area towns.

A flea market was held in August along with our annual Baked Ham and Bean dinner – we raised almost \$1000, which will be used to purchase office equipment.

Mr. Robert Marshall's eleventh grade class at the Conval School did a presentation on Bennington and the mills along the river. A map of surrounding towns and a model of Bennington is on display at the museum. They also did a written presentation of the History of Bennington.

December brought the opening of the Crotched Mountain Ski Area. Positions for employment were advertised beginning in October and they expect to hire 200 – 300 employees. An open house was held with a large number of dignitaries attending including the Town Selectmen and Chief of Police. Two large storms dumped approximately 22" and 20" of snow – a good start for the ski area – we welcome this new addition to our community and wish them every success.

I would like to thank Arnold and Jean Cernota for all the many hours of support to our organization. I would also like to thank Barbara Willis for her good ideas and implementation of our programs and a big thank you to Verna Paige for keeping the museum open. We owe a very special "thank you" to Pearl S. Walker who is always willing to help our Society and the Town of Bennington. Pearl is in very frail health but continues to follow our Society's activities with interest.

Respectfully submitted,  
David A. Glynn, President



## POLICE DEPARTMENT

Hello from the police department. We made it through a productive and, more importantly, a safe year. I hope everyone enjoyed 2003 and hope you enjoy 2004 even more. There are no unusual personnel issues this year. Corporal Marcellino and myself are still your full-time police officers. We still have Officers Chenard and Milton. I reported last year that Officer Bequeath resigned. He returned to duty only to resign again – to move to Maine.

As a reminder, please keep a watch in your neighborhood and the town. If you see anything that looks suspicious, out of place or unusual please call the police at 588-6303. Our goal is to prevent crime from happening in the first place. We might not be able to eliminate crime; however, with your help I am sure we can prevent and/or reduce it some. However, we are fortunate in that we still live in a small and safe town.

Remember we have ongoing programs and we encourage you to take advantage of them. Some of them are: providing bicycle helmets to children who need one, issuing gun safety locks, loaning (and in some cases donating) a child safety seat, cell phones (for E911 use only), teddy bears (and other stuffed animals) and the most recent item we have is quilts (for small children –we have a limited number). Please take advantage of these programs. All you have to do is contact the police and ask.

Time for statistics: 2002 we had a total of 4905 Incidents/Calls for Service; for 2003 the number was 6335 (increase of 1430; 22.6%)

|                     | <u>2002</u> | <u>2003</u> |
|---------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Criminal            | 332         | 325         |
| Arrests             | 189         | 182         |
| Calls For Service   | 1708        | 1615        |
| Motor Vehicle Stops | 1328        | 2684        |

In 2003 we had 325 criminal reports. Out of the 325, cases 316 have been cleared in an acceptable manner such as arrest or no charges pursued. This equates to a 97.2% rate of solving the reports in a satisfactory manner. The unsolved cases include: Criminal Mischief (7), Theft (1). Please refer to the enclosed statistical chart for more specific numbers on what we did in 2003.

By the time you read this we will probably be done with (or very close to) the first season of the opening of Crotched Mountain Ski and Ride. The police department has worked very closely with the Crotched Mountain personnel and I am glad to say, as of this report, everything is going great. We have had a few more incidents; however, we are working together to keep everything safe and fun.

How about some new (trivia) numbers for this year – Chiefs of Police in Bennington. I did a little research on Chiefs of Police in Bennington and have found the following:



- From 1922 until 1936 = 7 Constables
- January 1981 = First full-time chief
- From 1936 until present = 26 chief's (5 full-time); includes –
  - One wife who filled in for husband due to medical problems
  - One chief who was appointed two times
  - One chief who was appointed three times
- Longest term as chief
  - Dave Mancini = 9 years, 7 months
  - Ivon Clough = 8 years
  - Steve Campbell = 8 years (as of 6/2004)
  - William Haag = 10 years (7 year term plus a 1 and 2 year term)
- Longest term as officer and chief combined
  - William Haag = 10 years
  - Dave Mancini = 9 years, 7 months
  - Steve Campbell = 9 years (as of 2/2004)

(I apologize if I missed something or someone; if I did please let me know)

All police officers pledge to be professional and fair – even when we have to make a decision that is negative in nature and not popular with some people. We always practice the open door policy. You are welcome to stop in anytime; however, keep in mind there are times when there will not be an officer in the office so you might want to call first.

For information on what is happening in your police department please go to [benningtonpd@conknet.com](mailto:benningtonpd@conknet.com).

Thank you for your support.

Respectfully Submitted  
 Steve Campbell, Chief  
 Phil Marcellino, Corporal  
 Dave Chenard, Officer  
 Les Milton, Officer

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| <b>INCIDENT</b>               | <b>Chief<br/>Campbell</b> | <b>Corporal<br/>Marcellino</b> | <b>Officer<br/>Chenard</b> | <b>Officer<br/>Milton</b> | <b>Officer<br/>Bequeath</b> | <b>TOTAL</b> |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|
| <b>CRIMINAL</b>               |                           |                                |                            |                           |                             |              |
| ALCOHOL - ADULT               | 5                         | 1                              |                            |                           |                             | 6            |
| ALCOHOL - JUVENILE            | 10                        | 17                             | 7                          |                           | 3                           | 37           |
| ASSAULT                       | 8                         | 3                              | 1                          |                           | 4                           | 16           |
| BAD CHECKS                    | 12                        | 1                              |                            |                           |                             | 13           |
| BENCH WARRANT                 | 23                        | 6                              |                            |                           |                             | 29           |
| BURGLARY                      | 3                         | 3                              |                            |                           |                             | 6            |
| CONDUCT AFTER ACCIDENT        | 1                         | 4                              |                            |                           |                             | 5            |
| CRIMINAL MISCHIEF             | 11                        | 5                              | 2                          | 1                         | 1                           | 20           |
| CRIMINAL THREATENING          | 4                         | 3                              |                            | 1                         | 2                           | 10           |
| DISORDERLY CONDUCT            | 3                         |                                | 1                          | 1                         |                             | 5            |
| DOMESTIC DISPUTE              | 10                        | 17                             | 2                          |                           |                             | 29           |
| DRUGS                         | 8                         | 5                              |                            |                           | 2                           | 15           |
| DWI                           | 7                         | 6                              |                            |                           |                             | 13           |
| FELON WITH WEAPON             |                           | 1                              |                            |                           |                             | 1            |
| HARRASSMENT                   | 15                        | 12                             | 3                          | 1                         |                             | 31           |
| ILLEGAL DUMPING/LITTERING     | 4                         | 2                              |                            |                           |                             | 6            |
| ILLEGAL STICKER/REGISTRATION  | 1                         | 1                              |                            |                           | 1                           | 3            |
| OPERATING AFTER SUSPENSION    | 7                         | 8                              |                            |                           |                             | 15           |
| PROHIBITIVE SALES             | 1                         | 1                              |                            |                           | 1                           | 3            |
| PROTECTIVE CUSTODY            | 1                         | 6                              | 3                          |                           | 3                           | 13           |
| RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY     |                           | 2                              |                            |                           |                             | 2            |
| RECKLESS OPERATION            | 2                         | 2                              |                            |                           |                             | 4            |
| RESISTING ARREST              | 1                         | 1                              |                            |                           |                             | 2            |
| SEXUAL ASSAULT                |                           | 1                              |                            | 1                         |                             | 2            |
| THEFT                         | 11                        | 5                              | 2                          | 1                         | 1                           | 20           |
| TRESSPASSING                  | 4                         | 4                              | 1                          |                           | 1                           | 10           |
| UNAUTHORIZED USE OF RENTAL    | 1                         |                                |                            |                           |                             | 1            |
| VIOLATION OF PROTECTIVE ORDER | 2                         | 1                              |                            |                           |                             | 3            |
| <b>TOTAL CRIMINAL</b>         | <b>155</b>                | <b>123</b>                     | <b>22</b>                  | <b>6</b>                  | <b>19</b>                   | <b>325</b>   |
| <b>ARRESTS</b>                |                           |                                |                            |                           |                             |              |
| FELONY                        | 2                         | 2                              |                            |                           |                             | 4            |
| JUVENILE & PROTECTIVE CUSTODY | 2                         | 8                              | 3                          |                           | 5                           | 18           |
| MISDEMEANOR                   | 49                        | 26                             |                            |                           | 8                           | 83           |
| VIOLATION                     | 29                        | 36                             | 7                          |                           | 5                           | 77           |
| <b>TOTAL ARRESTS</b>          | <b>82</b>                 | <b>72</b>                      | <b>10</b>                  | <b>0</b>                  | <b>18</b>                   | <b>182</b>   |
| <b>SERVICES</b>               |                           |                                |                            |                           |                             |              |
| ALARM                         | 15                        | 7                              | 1                          |                           |                             | 23           |
| CHECK WELFARE                 | 2                         | 8                              | 1                          |                           |                             | 11           |
| CIVIL STANDBY                 | 5                         | 5                              | 1                          |                           |                             | 11           |
| CITIZEN / MOTORIST ASSIST     | 104                       | 66                             | 13                         | 7                         | 5                           | 195          |
| CIVIL                         | 29                        | 25                             | 14                         | 2                         | 1                           | 71           |
| E911                          | 5                         | 6                              |                            |                           |                             | 11           |
| INVESTIGATE INCIDENT / REPORT | 105                       | 93                             | 29                         | 10                        | 16                          | 253          |
| PAPERWORK / SERVE PAPERS      | 51                        | 6                              | 3                          | 1                         |                             | 61           |
| PROPERTY CHECK                | 269                       | 401                            | 160                        | 65                        | 80                          | 975          |
| TRANSPORT                     | 3                         | 1                              |                            |                           |                             | 4            |
| <b>TOTAL SERVICES</b>         | <b>588</b>                | <b>618</b>                     | <b>222</b>                 | <b>85</b>                 | <b>102</b>                  | <b>1615</b>  |

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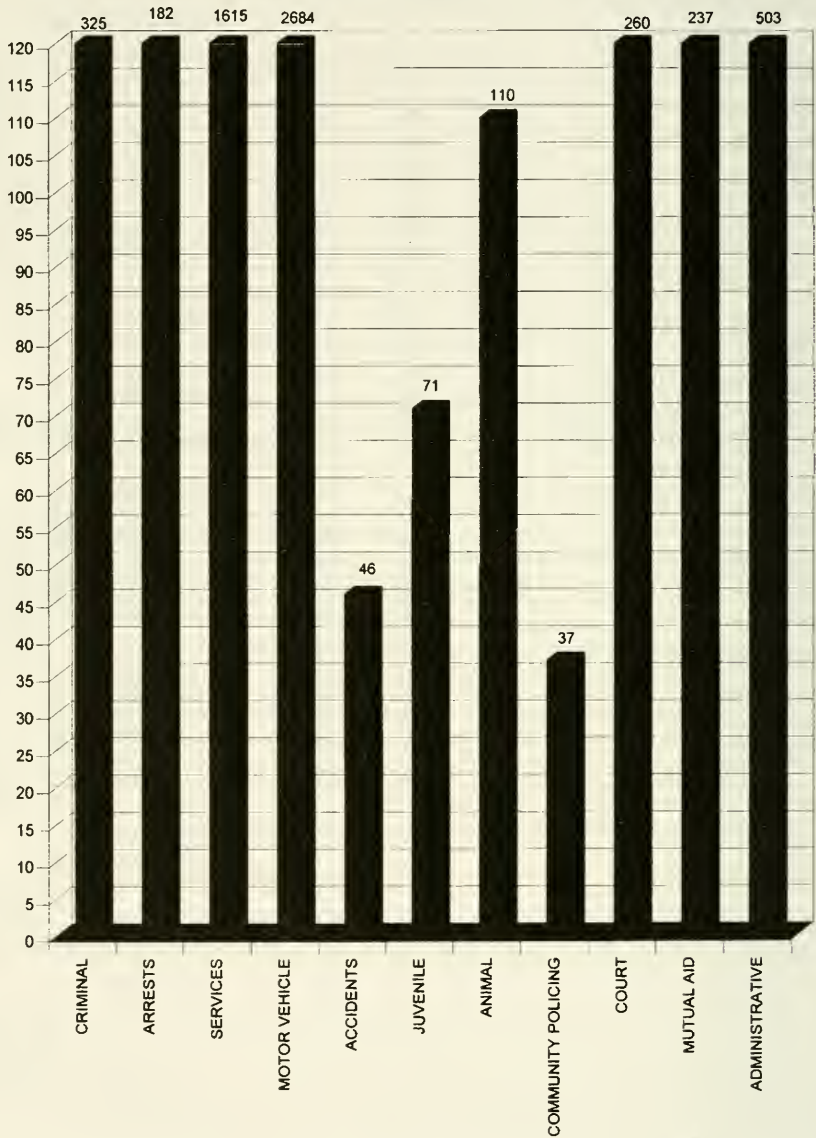
| <b>INCIDENT</b>                  | <b>Chief<br/>Campbell</b> | <b>Corporal<br/>Marcellino</b> | <b>Officer<br/>Chenard</b> | <b>Officer<br/>Milton</b> | <b>Officer<br/>Bequeath</b> | <b>TOTAL</b> |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|
| <b>MOTOR VEHICLE</b>             |                           |                                |                            |                           |                             |              |
| <b>MOTOR VEHICLE STOPS</b>       |                           |                                |                            |                           |                             |              |
| WARNINGS                         | 989                       | 757                            | 282                        | 153                       | 94                          | 2275         |
| SUMMONS                          |                           |                                |                            |                           |                             | 0            |
| OTHER                            | 30                        | 14                             |                            | 3                         | 2                           | 49           |
| SPEED                            | 45                        | 16                             | 2                          | 10                        | 3                           | 76           |
| SEAT BELT                        |                           |                                |                            |                           |                             | 0            |
| UNINSPECTED                      | 31                        | 4                              | 1                          | 1                         | 2                           | 39           |
| UNREGISTERED                     | 6                         | 4                              |                            | 1                         | 1                           | 12           |
| <b>TOTAL MOTOR VEHICLE STOPS</b> | <b>1101</b>               | <b>795</b>                     | <b>285</b>                 | <b>168</b>                | <b>102</b>                  | <b>2451</b>  |
| PARKING COMPLAINTS               | 15                        | 5                              | 1                          |                           |                             | 21           |
| TRAFFIC DETAIL                   | 113                       | 18                             | 6                          |                           |                             | 137          |
| OHRV COMPLAINTS                  | 54                        | 11                             | 5                          | 4                         | 1                           | 75           |
| <b>TOTAL MOTOR VEHICLE</b>       | <b>1283</b>               | <b>829</b>                     | <b>297</b>                 | <b>172</b>                | <b>103</b>                  | <b>2684</b>  |
| <b>ACCIDENTS</b>                 |                           |                                |                            |                           |                             |              |
| <b>TOTAL MV ACCIDENTS</b>        | <b>29</b>                 | <b>12</b>                      | <b>2</b>                   | <b>2</b>                  | <b>1</b>                    | <b>46</b>    |
| MV ACCIDENTS W/ INJURY           | 3                         | 1                              | 1                          |                           |                             | 5            |
| PROPERTY DAMAGE (\$1000+)        | 17                        | 6                              |                            |                           |                             | 23           |
| <b>JUVENILE</b>                  |                           |                                |                            |                           |                             |              |
| CHECK THE WELFARE                | 2                         |                                |                            |                           |                             | 2            |
| ENDANGERING THE WELFARE          |                           | 2                              |                            |                           |                             | 2            |
| INVESTIGATE INCIDENT / REPORT    | 32                        | 10                             | 2                          | 3                         |                             | 47           |
| JV PETITIONS                     | 3                         | 1                              |                            |                           |                             | 4            |
| JV POSSESSION CIGARETTES         | 2                         | 1                              |                            |                           | 2                           | 5            |
| MISSING                          | 2                         | 1                              |                            |                           |                             | 3            |
| TRUANCY                          | 4                         | 4                              |                            |                           |                             | 8            |
| <b>TOTAL JUVENILE</b>            | <b>45</b>                 | <b>19</b>                      | <b>2</b>                   | <b>3</b>                  | <b>2</b>                    | <b>71</b>    |
| <b>ANIMAL</b>                    |                           |                                |                            |                           |                             |              |
| CAT                              | 6                         | 1                              | 1                          |                           |                             | 8            |
| DOG                              | 45                        | 27                             | 6                          | 3                         |                             | 81           |
| OTHER                            | 14                        | 4                              | 3                          |                           |                             | 21           |
| <b>TOTAL ANIMAL</b>              | <b>65</b>                 | <b>32</b>                      | <b>10</b>                  | <b>3</b>                  | <b>0</b>                    | <b>110</b>   |
| <b>COMMUNITY POLICING</b>        |                           |                                |                            |                           |                             |              |
| COMMUNITY                        | 12                        | 7                              |                            | 4                         | 1                           | 24           |
| SCHOOL                           | 10                        | 3                              |                            |                           |                             | 13           |
| <b>TOTAL COMMUNITY POLICING</b>  | <b>22</b>                 | <b>10</b>                      | <b>0</b>                   | <b>4</b>                  | <b>1</b>                    | <b>37</b>    |
| <b>COURT</b>                     |                           |                                |                            |                           |                             |              |
| DISTRICT                         | 232                       | 12                             | 5                          | 1                         |                             | 250          |
| GRAND JURY                       | 3                         | 1                              |                            |                           |                             | 4            |
| HEARINGS (JV AND ALS)            | 3                         | 1                              |                            | 1                         |                             | 5            |
| SUPERIOR                         | 1                         |                                |                            |                           |                             | 1            |
| <b>TOTAL COURT</b>               | <b>239</b>                | <b>14</b>                      | <b>5</b>                   | <b>2</b>                  | <b>0</b>                    | <b>260</b>   |

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| <b>INCIDENT</b>             | <b>Chief<br/>Campbell</b> | <b>Corporal<br/>Marcellino</b> | <b>Officer<br/>Chenard</b> | <b>Officer<br/>Milton</b> | <b>Officer<br/>Bequeath</b> | <b>TOTAL</b>   |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| <b>MUTUAL AID</b>           |                           |                                |                            |                           |                             |                |
| ANTRIM                      | 22                        | 35                             | 2                          | 2                         | 4                           | 65             |
| DEERING                     | 1                         |                                |                            |                           |                             | 1              |
| FIRE / RESCUE               | 22                        | 28                             | 6                          |                           | 1                           | 57             |
| FRANCESTOWN                 | 54                        | 5                              | 1                          | 2                         | 1                           | 63             |
| GREENFIELD                  | 6                         | 4                              | 1                          | 1                         | 4                           | 16             |
| HANCOCK                     | 5                         | 17                             | 2                          | 1                         | 3                           | 28             |
| OTHER                       |                           | 5                              | 1                          |                           | 1                           | 6              |
| <b>TOTAL MUTUAL AID</b>     | <b>110</b>                | <b>94</b>                      | <b>13</b>                  | <b>6</b>                  | <b>14</b>                   | <b>237</b>     |
| <b>ADMINISTRATION</b>       |                           |                                |                            |                           |                             |                |
| DETAIL                      | 7                         | 2                              |                            |                           |                             | 9              |
| MEETING / TRIP              | 60                        | 4                              |                            |                           |                             | 64             |
| PISTOL PERMIT               | 35                        |                                |                            |                           |                             | 35             |
| SUPPLEMENTAL INVESTIGATION  | 196                       | 140                            | 17                         | 16                        | 1                           | 370            |
| TRAINING                    | 9                         | 5                              | 5                          | 2                         | 4                           | 25             |
| <b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATION</b> | <b>307</b>                | <b>151</b>                     | <b>22</b>                  | <b>18</b>                 | <b>5</b>                    | <b>503</b>     |
| <b>SUMMARY</b>              |                           |                                |                            |                           |                             |                |
| CRIMINAL                    | 155                       | 123                            | 22                         | 6                         | 19                          | 325            |
| ARRESTS                     | 82                        | 72                             | 10                         | 0                         | 18                          | 182            |
| SERVICES                    | 588                       | 618                            | 222                        | 85                        | 102                         | 1615           |
| MOTOR VEHICLE               | 1283                      | 829                            | 297                        | 172                       | 103                         | 2684           |
| ACCIDENTS                   | 29                        | 12                             | 2                          | 2                         | 1                           | 46             |
| JUVENILE                    | 45                        | 19                             | 2                          | 3                         | 2                           | 71             |
| ANIMAL                      | 65                        | 32                             | 10                         | 3                         | 0                           | 110            |
| COMMUNITY POLICING          | 22                        | 10                             | 0                          | 4                         | 1                           | 37             |
| COURT                       | 239                       | 14                             | 5                          | 2                         | 0                           | 260            |
| MUTUAL AID                  | 110                       | 94                             | 13                         | 6                         | 14                          | 237            |
| ADMINISTRATIVE              | 307                       | 151                            | 22                         | 18                        | 5                           | 503            |
| <b>GRAND TOTAL</b>          | <b>2925</b>               | <b>1974</b>                    | <b>605</b>                 | <b>301</b>                | <b>265</b>                  | <b>6335</b>    |
| <b>PERCENTAGE</b>           | <b>48.20%</b>             | <b>33.20%</b>                  | <b>9.60%</b>               | <b>4.80%</b>              | <b>4.20%</b>                | <b>100.00%</b> |

# BENNINGTON PD STATISTICAL CHART

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## BENNINGTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

One of the Fire Department's accomplishments for 2003 was the sprucing up of the Fire Department building. The walls and ceilings of the apparatus bays were painted, and the floors were painted and sealed. The bays look great, thanks to the hard work of our Volunteers.

Many of our members attended training classes this year, at Meadowood in the spring and fall, and at the State Fire Academy in Concord. In 2004 we plan to do some hose drills at the Ski Area and on Onset Road, as well as other locations in Town.

Equipment upgrades planned for 2004 include another air pack, more fire hose, new nozzles and new fittings.

I would like to say THANK YOU to all of the members and the Board of Selectmen for their support over the last year. A big THANK YOU also goes to all of the people of Bennington that have supported our fundraisers and helped us out at fire scenes, and in general just being there for us.

A breakdown of our 2003 calls follows this report.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mark S. Chase,  
Fire Chief





## The Bennington Volunteer Fire Department

7 School Street Unit 103

Bennington, NH 03442

603-588-2188

[www.benningtonfire.com](http://www.benningtonfire.com)

Chief: Mark Chase

Deputy Chief: Joseph O'Brien

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January 18, 2004

### 2002-2003 call breakdown

|                   |    |
|-------------------|----|
| Medical Calls;    | 58 |
| Car Accidents;    | 5  |
| Car Fires         | 4  |
| False Alarms      | 17 |
| Chimney Fires     | 3  |
| Structure Fires   | 3  |
| Brush Fires       | 3  |
| Power Lines Down  | 4  |
| Investigate Smoke | 3  |
| Gas Spill         | 1  |
| Police Stand-by   | 1  |

### Mutual Aide Calls

|                            |    |
|----------------------------|----|
| Mutual Aide Jaws to Antrim | 16 |
| Cover to Antrim            | 2  |
| Structure to Antrim        | 2  |
| Cover to Deering           | 3  |
| Cover to Frankestown       | 1  |
| Structure to Frankestown   | 1  |
| Structure to Greenfield    | 5  |
| Cover to Hancock           | 2  |
| Structure to Hancock       | 1  |
| Structure to Hillsboro     | 1  |

|                    |            |
|--------------------|------------|
| <b>Total Calls</b> | <b>136</b> |
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## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

When the first snowstorm is on October 23<sup>rd</sup> and the last on April 8<sup>th</sup>, with 24 ice or snowstorms in between, it makes for a long winter here in New Hampshire; even so, the people and the equipment of Bennington Highway survived and were very thankful for spring.

Construction work started in the spring with some repairs to our water system and through the summer five new fire hydrants were installed. The parking lot at the old Town Barn site was completed and the expansion of the Town Hall parking area started.

A portion of Bible Hill Road was excavated and reconstructed to prevent the heaving that repeatedly occurs there.

Paving was done with 775 tons of asphalt being laid out on Mountain Road, Ross Road, Knightland Road and the lower part of Pierce Hill Road.

A 50' x 10' retaining wall was built on Antrim Road. New guardrails will be installed this spring when new posts and guardrails are put in below the trestle, the same area where trees and brush were cut last summer.

Portions of North Bennington Road beyond Pine Meadows will be excavated this summer in order to fix the frost heaves there, with paving and tarring being done to improve that section of road.

As always, the people of the Highway Department wish to thank the citizens of Bennington for their help and support.

Respectfully Submitted,  
David Blanchard,  
Road Agent

## **HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

This Department along with the Board of Selectmen has been working diligently to eliminate and/or improve several substandard, unhealthy or unsafe dwellings and other properties in Town. Most property owners have been cooperative, but in some cases we have had to go to the courts for help. This is an ongoing project, but its success will be beneficial to the Town. We can be proud of our community.

Septic systems and general health issues are taken care of upon arrival and to date are in good order. Many thanks to the Fire Chief and Building Inspector for their support with inspections and photos.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Huntley, Health Officer  
Glenn Wilson, Deputy

## **WELFARE DEPARTMENT**

2003 was a busy year for rent assistance. All of the recipients were victims of unemployment or illness. Fuel Assistance, Public Service Helpline, Meals-on-Wheels and our Visiting Nurses have made it possible for most of our elderly to remain in their own homes.

A big THANK YOU to St. Patrick Parish for their annual Thanksgiving and Easter dinners for the needy and elderly. "Operation Santa Claus" was responsible for keeping our children warm and happy with warm clothes and toys.

Hopefully we will do as well in 2004.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Huntley, Overseer of Public Welfare  
Glenn Wilson, Deputy

## ELECTION REPORT

The big news in elections this year is changes brought about by the Federal Help America Vote Act (HAVA). There are some changes in forms and procedures, most likely more noticeable to election officials than to voters. However, if you plan to register to vote, change parties, or vote absentee, please read the information below carefully.

The Board of Supervisors sadly bids farewell to Dawn Bond, who had to resign due to changes in her work schedule. All three of us came on the Board at the same time, and I think we made a great team, and had some fun in the process! We wish Dawn the best. Also, thanks and welcome go to Barbara Moorehead, who has generously offered to fill in until Town Elections.

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This year's important dates follow. Supervisors' sessions are held at the Town Hall:

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| March 9      | Tuesday             | Town Elections - Fire Department<br>Polls open 8AM - 7PM  |
| June 1       | Tuesday 7-7:30PM    | Supervisors' session for State Primary Election - LAST DAY<br>TO CHANGE PARTY AFFILIATION BEFORE PRIMARY<br>!!! |
| September 7  | Tuesday 7-7:30PM    | Supervisors' session for State Primary Election   |
| September 14 | Tuesday             | State Primary Election - Fire Department<br>Polls open 8AM - 7PM  |
| October 23   | Saturday 11-11:30AM | Supervisors' session for General Election   |
| November 2   | Tuesday 8AM-7PM     | General Election - Fire Department<br>Polls open 8AM - 7PM  |

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As of this writing, Bennington has 773 registered voters: 166 Democrats, 303 Republicans, and 304 Undeclared voters.

Copies of the Bennington Checklist are available on request for \$10 in both paper copies and computer database format. Prior years' checklists registration cards and checklists are open to inspection during normal Town Hall business hours. However, new privacy standards enacted with HAVA require that registration forms starting this year will be kept confidential. There will always be printed copies of the most recent checklist available, however.

## REGISTERING TO VOTE

Voting is a fundamental right, as it is one of the rights from which all other freedoms flow. Nearly every citizen of the United States is entitled to register and vote somewhere. In most cases, people register where their primary residence is. However, citizens who are in transition, homeless, living overseas, in college, etc. must have equal access to the fundamental right of voting.

In order to register to vote you must fill out a voter registration form and must have proof of your citizenship, age, and domicile. Bring your drivers' license, and make sure that it has your current street address on it. Proof of domicile can be any reasonable documentation indicating that you are domiciled in Bennington and intend to maintain a domicile in Bennington. If you do not have documentation regarding domicile you may sign an

affidavit declaring your domicile.

The affidavit may be sworn before a justice of the peace, notary public, or the Town Moderator.

Voters can get on the checklist in four ways:

- 1) Same Day Registration. Register at the polls on the day of the election.
- 1) Register with the Supervisors of the Checklist at one of their scheduled sessions. Sessions are usually 10 days prior to the election and will be posted in the Monadnock Ledger and on the Town Hall bulletin board.
- 1) Register with the Town Clerk during regular Town Hall hours.
- 1) If you are out of town, you can get an absentee voter registration form from the Town Clerk, as well as an absentee ballot. Call 603-588-2189

#### CHANGING PARTIES

Voters who are registered Undeclared must declare a party to vote on Primary day. They can then return to undeclared status immediately after voting by filling out a form with the supervisors. All other voters (i.e. registered Democrats and Republicans) must wait till the day after the Primary to fill out a form to change parties. IMPORTANT: the deadline for changing parties prior to the September Primary is June 1! See the Supervisors if you have any questions. You can fill out the party registration change form at the Town Hall.

#### ABSENTEE VOTING

If you will not be in town for any of the elections, please try to vote absentee. You can even vote absentee if you are not sure if your work and commuting schedule will allow you to get to the polls in time. If you're not sure, it's always better to vote absentee. Your vote counts!

If you plan to vote absentee, please plan ahead. The Town Clerk has all the forms you will need, and she can tell you how to file absentee, and what the deadlines are for each election. Separate forms must be gotten for each election. (The exception to this is military personnel, who can fill out the Federal Post Card Application. This ensures that all ballots will be sent to them, as long as they are stationed in one place. The online version of this form is at <http://www.fvap.gov/pubs/onlinefpca.html> )

Call the Town Hall at 588-2189 for more information on absentee voting.

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This year looks to be a very interesting election year, with the Presidential Primary just past by the time this goes to print, and 2 more Federal elections to go. Just a reminder not to forget local politics, where one person can really make a difference: Every year there are positions to fill, both elected and volunteer, at the town level. And local politics is where many of our greatest leaders have gotten their start! Ask at the Town Hall what positions are open, and how and when to sign up.

Thanks everyone for helping our democracy work!

Victoria Turner  
Darlene McKenney  
Barbara Moorehead  
SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

## BENNINGTON RECREATION COMMITTEE

Well, did you have fun? Did you enjoy all the events and programs we sponsored? Our goal and motto remains firm, "To Have FUN". We accomplish this goal year after year with your help and the help of all our volunteers and committee members. Every year the Recreation Committee works hard to bring you even more to the already popular recreation programs. Some of the events that happened this past year were:

**Glow Bowling:** What a great event! Lots of people joined us at Bowling Acres one night and packed the lanes full with bowlers. I don't know if Bowling Acres could ever keep up with our Bennington bowlers.

**4th Annual Easter Egg Decorating:** The rabbits worked overtime again this year! It was quite a scramble at the Fire Station that morning dying and decorating eggs. This program will continue to be an annual event.

**4th Annual Easter Egg Hunt:** As always, the Easter Egg Hunt went on with enthusiasm as eggs are eggs and they needed to be hunted down and captured, because deep inside the elusive egg lies a sweet treat.

**Fishing Derby:** This great event happens every year on the fourth Saturday in April. Kids 15 years and younger are encouraged to fish to their limit. A good year this year for pulling fish out of the water. Thanks to all those who offer their continued support of this program.

**Bennington Youth Baseball:** They had another successful year winning the number #1 spot in the league. Congratulations and special thanks to the dedicated coaches and parents. Newhall Youth Field will be under the lights this summer. We're looking forward to the Summer of 2004, when Bennington will be hosting the New England Regional Cal Ripken 12-year-old Championship Games.

**Bennington Youth Soccer** had an excellent season with all the youngsters participating. Special Thanks to all parents and volunteer coaches who continue to make this a successful program. We hope to put more emphasis into the Soccer program in coming years. Volunteers are needed to make the Soccer program as wonderful as the Baseball program.

**Whittemore Beach:** Home to our favorite swimming hole. Summertime is always more fun splashing in the Lake! We plan to have a new carpet for the raft in Summer 2004 and hope to get the lifeguard signed on and the swimming lessons started earlier in the Summer.

**Old Home Days:** Another great annual event, with all the Fire Trucks in the parade, the Fireman's Muster, Bounce Tent, Dunk Booth, games, etc. And what a great Country-Western Band!! In 2004 we're looking to introduce a different variation and having a "Town Picnic" -- many of the same fun games and more emphasis on an old-fashioned BBQ!!!

Annual Pumpkin Decorating: This fall favorite was back with Bennington children showing up all dressed for the occasion. In addition to the pumpkin decorating, the kids enjoyed “donut on a string” eating contest and the “cake walk” as well as “pin the nose on the pumpkin” and “ghost races”. An annual event, we hope to make each coming Halloween party better and better!!!

Holiday Events: A new event this past year – the Children’s Holiday Craft Party. Despite the snowstorm, a fairly good turnout with 15 or so kids showing up at the Firehouse all bundled up but ready for making their craft ( a reindeer ornament). With punch and Christmas cupcakes and a Holiday movie, the kids had a ball. Looking forward to making this new event an annual one with a lot more fun to be had by all! Unfortunately, our tree lighting and caroling this year were canceled due to weather, but the Tree sure looked beautiful in all its colorful lights for the Holiday Season. Thanks, Scott! The annual horse-drawn hayrides were again a great success! With Christmas goodies, a visit from Santa and all the hot cocoa you could drink, who could ask for more? Again, a special thanks to the Trow family for this special time – looking forward to it again next year! And Santa’s lap is still sore from all the youngsters and grownups that whispered into the Jolly Man’s ear.

Anything new you would like to see? We are always open to suggestions. We meet the second Wednesday of every month at the Town Hall at 7:00 pm.

Fun and entertaining programs with great success. We owe it all to the dedicated volunteers committee members and town organizations that helped make it happen, Our Special Thanks to all.

Just a reminder, additional volunteers are always welcome. You do not need to “commit” yourself to being a “permanent” committee member, if you just want to show up on the day of the event and volunteer your time and creativity – that would be great!

*The committee would like to take this opportunity to extend a sincere Thank You to Sfa Whittemore and Dottie Zabriskie for their years of dedication and service to the Recreation Committee. Sfa and Dottie resigned from the Committee this past November and the current Committee members wanted to recognize them and thank them for their years of service to the Committee and the Town. Thank you, Sfa and Dottie!*

Respectfully Submitted,  
***The Bennington Recreation Committee***

Wanda Grant  
Michelle Ricco  
Kelly Byrne  
Cindy Norton  
Kelly St. Pierre  
Hope Heinzman (Explorer Post)  
Joe Cuddemi (Interim Chairperson)



## PIERCE SCHOOL

The 2002 – 2003 school year began with a visit from author Marty Kelley. Marty lives in New Boston. He has written and illustrated several books including “Fall Is Not Easy” and “Summer Stinks”. We enjoyed seeing and hearing how he creates his books. In the evening we had a potluck supper and Marty did a presentation for the families.

A colorful new art piece done by the students of Pierce School hangs in our hallway. Last spring the students spent a week with “Artist in Residence” Rocky Lehr. With Rocky’s help the students created a felt hanging that depicts the Contoocook River as it flows through Bennington. The scene starts at the bridge at the entrance to town and shows the scenery and wildlife along the river to the train trestle by the Monadnock Paper Mill. It is a wonderful addition to the other art pieces that the students have created over the years that are on display throughout Pierce School.

Jessica Lawler from the New Hampshire Dance Institute was here for a weeklong residency with the students. The students from Kindergarten through fourth grade learned some very creative dance routines. Parents, family, and friends were invited for a night performance and the students all received rave reviews! We all had a lot of fun!

The “Fine Arts Program” coordinated by Jeannie Connolly and Terry Reeves continues to support Pierce School students with the residencies, programs such as “FACTS” (Famous Artists Come To School), storytellers, and field trips to museums and plays. We appreciate how this program brings “Art” to the students in so many ways.

Pierce School staff will continue to focus on developing “Caring Communities” within our school environment. This enables teachers to help students learn pro-social skills such as anger management, impulse control, problem solving, communication, and character development.

Our PTO is actively supporting our students through the Crafts Fair, May calendar raffle, and the Open House Bake Sale. These funds support the Fine Arts programs within our school and help to purchase items and offer activities that do not fall within the regular budget. After several years of dedicated fundraising the School was able to purchase risers that now allow all children to be seen by family and friends during performances. Following are some additional fundraisers that anyone in the community can contribute to.

**Box Tops for Education** – The children of Pierce School raised \$155.00 by bringing in Box Tops. Family and friends can help contribute to this fundraiser by saving Box Tops for a student they know or just stopping into the school and turning them into the Main Office. Box Tops are located on many General Mills, Betty Crocker, Pillsbury, and Green Giant products. We get 10 cents for each Box Top and can use the funds raised for books, playground equipment or other needs for the students. Additional information may be obtained at [www.bboxtopsforeducation.com](http://www.bboxtopsforeducation.com).

**Cartridges for Kids** – Cartridges for Kids recycles cartridges and pays Pierce School a specific dollar amount depending on the type of ink/toner cartridge returned to them. They are also collecting old cellular phones. Again, please feel free to bring these items in to the Main Office.

**Campbell’s Soup Labels** – By saving labels from Campbell products and redeeming them our School can earn FREE merchandise. Some of the eligible products are Campbell’s soups, Prego pasta sauces, and Pepperidge Farm Goldfish crackers. Please visit [www.labelsforeducation.com](http://www.labelsforeducation.com) for a complete listing and more information about this program.



We would like to thank the local businesses that have supported our many activities, our senior citizens that drive for field trips, parents and teachers that volunteer their time and talents, and the community for their continued support.

The PTO would like to give a special thanks to Aileen Schnare for over 9 years of service and countless hours spent fundraising on behalf of Pierce School. Volunteers are the backbone of any organization and Pierce School greatly appreciates the dedication Aileen provided.

Pierce School is a team effort to benefit the children. Please help in any way you can whether it be participating in one of the fundraisers listed, volunteering at the school, attending the Craft Fair or just coming to watch the children perform. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the school's library.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Pierce School Staff**

and

**Pierce School PTO**

Tammie J. Blanchette, Co-President

Cheryl Jessie, Co-President

Gretchen Hutton, Treasurer

Cindy Norton, Secretary

## BENNINGTON PLANNING BOARD

It has been a very busy and exciting year for the Bennington Planning Board. In fact, we anticipate that this past and present year combined, the Planning Board will have reviewed and implemented more significant changes than it has in the past ten years. There are four large projects that have continued to challenge the Planning Board throughout this past year. Some of that work is self-evident and current, others are in process slated for release this next winter and spring, and others are beyond that.

One of the four major projects this past year was the Crotched Mountain Ski Area site plan review process which started a year prior. The site plan review process was a dual effort concerted by the Towns of Bennington and Frankestown, with some help from the Southwest Regional Planning Commission, the Boards were able to work through all the details, idiosyncrasies and regulations in a spirit of cooperation and expediency to bring the project to closure. So now the future looks bright and white!

Another ongoing project that the Board has been working on for the last several years is the Master Plan Update. It was 18 years ago when the original Master Plan was drafted, and the State of NH recommends that every ten years a new revised Master Plan should be drafted to better reflect the Town's current vision. This new Master Plan will set the tone and direction for the future Town of Bennington. The committee working on this revision has finalized this document and expects to deliver it to the public this coming spring 2004.

The Board has also been working on new and improved Subdivision Regulations. Our current Subdivision Regulations were implemented in 1986, the same year as the original Master Plan. At its inception the original Subdivision Regulations, Master Plan and other regulations were in synch with one another, but times change and rules and regulations have to be adjusted to reflect that new change in vision. These new regulations, if adopted, will establish a clear and organized path for minor and major subdivisions in accordance with the new Master Plan. So, look for the new Subdivision Regulations late this winter 2004.

One of the major projects undertaken by the Board this year was an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance repealing Article XII – Cluster Development – and replacing it with an Open Space Residential Development Ordinance (OSRD). Not unlike the Subdivision Regulations and Master Plan, the Cluster Development Ordinance was also seriously antiquated and needed major overhauling. The purpose of this new OSRD is to implement the goals and objectives of the new Master Plan. Some of the attributes of the proposed OSRD are:

- Promote a more efficient use of land requiring less streets and utilities.
- Promote the preservation of open space, farmland, recreation areas, green space, crucial wildlife habitat, water resources, and existing topography, natural, cultural, and historic features.
- Provide wildlife corridors to connect open spaces need by wildlife to ensure their survival.
- Discourage sprawling, land consuming forms of development usually resulting from conventional subdivision.

- Promote the efficient provision of municipal services and protect existing and potential water supplies.
- Maintain the rural and scenic character of the Town of Bennington.
- Reduce the erosion and sedimentation by the retention of existing vegetation and the minimization of development on steep slopes.
- Promote the siting of buildings, which are sensitive to existing natural and historic features.
- Protect the value of real property.
- Create compact neighborhoods accessible to open space amenities and with strong community identity and quality of life.
- Provide for a variety of lot sizes, building densities, and housing choices to accommodate a variety of age and income groups.
- Implement adopted land use, transportation, and community policies, as identified in the Town's Master Plan.

This OSRD will be an affective tool in the future planning of the Town of Bennington. We encourage you to vote "YES" on Article 2 of the Town's 2004 Warrant.

This upcoming year will be no less challenging or exciting. With a new Master Plan coming this spring and the updated Subdivision Regulations, the Board will have some major housekeeping items to do. Several projects such as Capital Improvement Plans, Impact Fees, Review of the current Zoning Ordinances and working with the Conservation Commission to help develop an Open Space Plan will be on the forefront of the Planning Board's agenda.

Thanks to all Planning Board members, Selectmen (Ex-Officio's), Dee French and SWRPC for making this a stellar year.

As always we meet on a regular basis, every second Monday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Bennington Town Hall, all are welcome.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip R. Germain, Chairperson

Planning Board Members:  
 Peter Eppig (Vice-Chairperson)  
 Letitia Rice  
 Catriona Beck  
 Jeffrey Rose (Alternate)  
 Terry Schnare (Ex-Officio)

**OPEN SPACE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE  
BENNINGTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Amend the Bennington Zoning Ordinance by repealing the existing Article XII - Cluster Development and replacing it with the following new Article XII – Open Space Residential Development:

**Article XII. Open Space Residential Development**

- A. **AUTHORITY:** The Open Space Residential Development (OSRD) Ordinance has been adopted by Town Meeting Vote of the Town of Bennington, New Hampshire pursuant to RSA 674:21, Innovative Land Use Controls.
- B. **PURPOSE:** The purpose of the OSRD Ordinance is to facilitate implementation of the goals, policies, and objectives of the Bennington Master Plan, and thus to:
1. Promote a more efficient use of land requiring a smaller network of streets and utilities;
  2. Promote the preservation of open space, farmland, recreation areas, green space, fields and woods, valuable wildlife habitat, water resources and outstanding topographic, natural, cultural, and historic features;
  3. Provide wildlife corridors connecting open spaces, needed by wildlife to ensure their survival;
  4. Discourage the sprawling, land-consuming form of development usually resulting from conventional subdivision;
  5. Promote the efficient provision of municipal services and protect existing and potential water supplies;
  6. Maintain the rural and scenic character of the Town of Bennington;
  7. Reduce erosion and sedimentation by the retention of existing vegetation, and the minimization of development on steep slopes;
  8. Promote the siting of buildings which is sensitive to existing natural and historic features;
  9. Protect the value of real property;

10. Create compact neighborhoods accessible to open space amenities and with a strong community identity and quality of life;
11. Provide for a variety of lot sizes, building densities, and housing choices to accommodate a variety of age and income groups;
12. Implement adopted land use, transportation, and community policies, as identified in the Town's Master Plan.

C. **DEFINITIONS:** The following definitions specifically apply to this section of the zoning ordinance.

Basal Area - The cross sectional area of a tree measured at a height of 4 1/2 feet above the ground, usually expressed in square feet per acre for a stand of trees.

Common Area - Any land area, other than open space, set aside for common ownership as a result of an OSRD, including areas for common facilities.

Common Facilities - Built facilities which are commonly owned by the property owners within an OSRD. Common facilities may be proposed but are not required. They may include streets, rights of way, common buildings, wells, water and waste treatment systems, and recreation facilities.

Common Open Space - A type of Open Space within an OSRD, which is not individually owned but is designated and intended for the common use or enjoyment of the residents of the development, and in some cases the general public.

Estate Lot - Any lot ten acres or larger created as part of an OSRD.

Homeowners Association - A private non-profit organization (corporation, association, or other legal entity) established by the developer to manage, maintain, support, and finance the common facilities and common open space of an OSRD, and to enforce certain covenants and restrictions.

Open Space - Undeveloped land set aside for common or individual ownership as a result of an OSRD, with conservation easements and other deeded restrictions to ensure that the land will remain permanently open and undeveloped. A condition of OSRD approval is that open space may not be further subdivided.

Open Space Residential Development (OSRD) - A form of residential development where the density of dwelling units is no greater than would be permitted in the district in which the OSRD is located, but where the lot size and other dimensional standards may be reduced in exchange for the preservation of permanently protected open space, recreational land, forests, and/or farmland. Tracts of land developed as an OSRD may be under single or consolidated ownership.

Soil Based Carrying Capacity of a Lot - A number that is calculated by adding together the Soil Carrying Capacity of each of the different areas of soil on that lot.

Soil Carrying Capacity - A number that is calculated for a given area of a certain type of soil by dividing that given area by the required area for that soil type as found in Appendix 1 of Soil Based Lot Sizing, Society of Soil Scientists of Northern New England, SSSNNE Special Publication No. 4, Version I, September, 2003.

D. APPLICABILITY OF OSRD:

1. Ten Acre Minimum. In any residential subdivision consisting of ten (10) contiguous acres or more in single or consolidated ownership, an applicant may apply for an OSRD under this Article. The minimum acreage may be waived by the Planning Board in instances where an applicant demonstrates that the criteria in Article XII.2 are met.
2. Required for Special Land Features. The Planning Board may require an applicant to use an OSRD subdivision design if the property possesses one or more of the following special features:
  - a. Large contiguous tracts of unfragmented land;
  - b. Agricultural land with soils designated as prime or of statewide significance by the U.S. Natural Resource Conservation Service soil surveys;
  - c. Rare, threatened, or endangered species or exemplary natural communities according to the New Hampshire Natural Heritage Inventory (Department of Resources and Economic Development);
  - d. Frontage on any surface water body ten (10) acres or greater, or on any third or fourth order stream, as shown on topographical maps published by the U.S. Geological Survey and as specified by the Strahler method as found in the *Handbook of Applied Hydrology*, section 4-2, 1964;
  - e. A portion of an aquifer with a transmissivity in excess of 1,000 sq. ft. per day as shown on the Stratified Drift Aquifer Maps published and updated by the N.H. Department of Environmental Services;
  - f. Unique natural, cultural, and/or historical features as identified in the most current version of the Bennington Master Plan.



- E. PROCEDURES: OSRD plan submission, review and approval procedures shall be as described in the Bennington Subdivision Regulations, Section XII. OSRDs with uses other than single family detached dwelling units are also subject to Site Plan Review by the Planning Board.
- F. PERMITTED USES: Residential uses, accessory uses, and incidental recreational uses, which may or may not include recreation facilities for use by the general public, shall be allowed within an OSRD. All other uses are prohibited.
1. Residential uses may include dwelling units in the following form:
    - a. Single family detached residential dwellings;
    - b. Two-family dwellings;
    - c. Residential condominiums, up to a maximum of six (6) dwelling units per structure. (Any OSRD that includes proposals for condominium ownership shall comply with all applicable state statutes regulating the condominium form of ownership);
    - d. Multi-family dwellings; up to a maximum of six (6) dwelling units per structure;
    - e. Housing for persons fifty-five (55) years of age and over;
    - f. Accessory Dwelling Units.
  2. Active recreational uses shall only be allowed in the Common Area and may include:
    - a. Racquet and other hard surface courts;
    - b. Swimming pool and facilities;
    - c. Clubhouses and other common recreational facilities;
    - d. Ball fields;
    - e. Golf courses;
    - f. Horse stables;
    - g. Playgrounds and related equipment.



3. Passive recreational uses allowed in the Common Area and Open Space, unless under specific easement, may include:
  - a. Nature and hiking trails;
  - b. Jogging and walking trails;
  - c. Bicycle trails;
  - d. Cross country ski trails;
  - e. Horseback riding trails;
  - f. Common gardens and arboretums;
  - g. Benches and picnic tables;
4. Agricultural uses to include row crops, orchards, and forestry practices.

G. REQUIREMENTS FOR OPEN SPACE AND COMMON AREA:

1. Fifty percent (50%) of the OSRD tract must be set aside as permanently protected open space through the use of covenants, easements, and/or deed restrictions as set forth in the Bennington Subdivision Regulations.
  - a. No more than fifty percent (50%) of the open space may consist of wetlands, surface waters, flood plains, or areas with unaltered slopes greater than twenty-five percent (25%) provided, however, that the applicant may include a greater percentage of wetlands in such open space upon a demonstration that such inclusion promotes the purposes of this ordinance;
  - b. Streets and driveways shall not be counted as open space.
2. All recreational facilities, common areas, and common open space shall be reasonably accessible to all residents of the development.
3. The common area shall not include any land designated as wetlands, unaltered slopes greater than twenty-five percent (25%), or flood plain areas.

4. In evaluating the acceptability of proposed Open Space and Common Areas, the Planning Board shall consider the extent to which the location and design of the area achieves the following objectives:
- a. Large enough blocks of land are conserved to retain ecosystem function and habitat integrity;
  - b. The development protects all flood plains, wetlands, and steep slopes from clearing, grading, filling, or construction (except as may be approved for essential infrastructure or active or passive recreation amenities);
  - c. Large enough blocks of land are conserved to sustain agricultural or forestry operations and buffer them from nearby development;
  - d. Access to and/or benefits from the Common Open Space are provided to the greatest number of dwelling units within the subdivision;
  - e. The development provides preserved open space that is reasonably contiguous. To the greatest extent practicable, this land should be designed as a single block with logical, straightforward boundaries. Long thin strips of conservation land should be avoided, unless the conservation feature is linear, or unless such configuration is necessary to connect with other open space, streams or trails;
  - f. Linkages or contiguity with existing or potential conservation areas on abutting properties are provided. Open Space should be designed where possible as part of larger contiguous and integrated greenway systems;
  - g. Development is designed around existing hedgerows and treelines between fields or meadows;
  - h. Scenic views and vistas, particularly as seen from public streets, are left unblocked or uninterrupted. Siting new construction on prominent hilltops or ridges is avoided while taking advantage of lower topographic features;
  - i. Development is designed around and preserves sites of historic, archeological, or cultural value and their environs, in order to safeguard the character of the feature, including stone walls, springs houses, barn foundations, cellar holes, and earthworks and burial grounds;
  - j. The development protects the rural character of roadsides, and improves public safety and vehicle carrying capacity of the street, by avoiding development that fronts directly on existing public streets;

- k. The development provides landscaping for common areas, cul-de-sac islands, and shade trees on new streets.

#### H. DENSITY:

1. The maximum number of dwelling units for an OSRD subdivision shall be determined by use of a yield plan, which is a conceptual plan showing how the parcel could be subdivided in a conventional manner. Determination of the possible number of conventional lots may entail the use of site specific soil mapping and soil carrying capacity. For purposes of determining the number of OSRD dwelling units, each conceptual conventional lot must meet the requirements of a buildable lot for a single family dwelling unit as defined in the zoning district in which the OSRD is located and meet all other applicable requirements of the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations. The Planning Board shall adopt regulations that provide for the generation of a yield plan in accordance with this section.

2. There shall be no further subdivision of an approved OSRD.

- I. **DENSITY BONUS FOR INNOVATIVE OPEN SPACE PROTECTION:** The Planning Board may award the development a density bonus that increases the maximum number of dwelling units available under conventional subdivision by a maximum of twenty-five percent (25%) for those applicants that meet the following criteria. Density bonuses awarded for preserving frontage lots shall be in addition to the above twenty-five percent (25%). In no event may the number of dwelling units exceed the soil based carrying capacity for the entire parcel.

With the exception of front lot bonuses, density bonuses may be awarded ONLY in zoning districts where the minimum lot size under conventional zoning is three (3) acres or more. Density bonuses shall be awarded in accordance with the following:

1. Additional Open Space Bonus - Where the proposed OSRD plan shows sixty percent (60%) or more of the tract as open space protected as such in perpetuity, the development shall be awarded a density bonus of ten percent (10%),

Or

Where the proposed OSRD plan shows seventy percent (70%) or more of the tract as open space protected as such in perpetuity, the development shall be awarded a density bonus of twenty percent (20%).

2. Trails Bonus - Where there is a linking of existing/proposed trails or open space networks with trail corridors through the site, and the general public is granted access to these trails in perpetuity, the development shall be awarded a density bonus of five percent (5%). The minimum nature of public access required to trigger this bonus is pedestrian traffic. The instrument granting access, acceptable to the planning board, shall restrict the use of motorized vehicles where appropriate.
3. Agricultural Land and Use Bonus - Where the development protects agriculturally valuable lands and provides permission for their use as such in perpetuity, the development shall be awarded a density bonus of up to ten percent (10%), to be determined by the Planning Board. If the portion preserved for agricultural use is equal to 25% or more of the tract, then the full bonus may be awarded, with a smaller bonus awarded for smaller percentages, but also taking into consideration the importance of the land for preserving the rural character of the Town. The instrument granting use, acceptable to the Planning Board, may reasonably restrict the type of intensity of farming to occur to prevent nuisances. This provision only requires that permission is available; the fact that agricultural uses are not pursued at any particular time does not affect the validity of the bonus.
4. Forest Management Bonus - On sites where the open space to be preserved is mostly mature forest (70% or greater), where thirty percent (30%) or less of the basal area will be cut, and where the cutting is well distributed and will be based on a management plan developed by a NH Licensed Forester and approved by the Planning Board, the development shall be awarded a density bonus of fifteen percent (15%).
5. View Shed and Viewpoint Bonus - The development may be awarded a density bonus of five percent (5%) if it protects in perpetuity view sheds and associated viewpoints, which are lands or corridors of land that contribute to the visual landscape of the Town, including items such as open fields containing stone walls.
6. Historic Features Bonus - The development may be awarded a density bonus of five percent (5%) if it protects in perpetuity historically significant buildings and landscapes, identified as such in the Master Plan, that include buildings and associated uses that are maintained and visually separated from the developed portion of the OSRD. Structures or landscapes not identified as such through the Master Plan may be determined by sufficient evidence presented to the Planning Board during review of the development. Such evidence may include comment from the Heritage Commission or Bennington Historical Society, listing or eligibility for listing on the National Register of Historic Landmarks, or other qualified statements of historic value.

7. Frontage Lots - Where a development is proposed such that all potential lots that could front on a public street existing at the time of application have been preserved in a natural undeveloped condition, the development shall receive, in addition to any bonus awarded under this section, a bonus of one (1) additional dwelling unit for every potential frontage lot so preserved, up to a maximum bonus of 4 additional dwelling units.

J. **ADDITIONAL DENSITY FOR 1 & 2 BEDROOM DWELLING UNITS:** The total number of bedrooms shall be considered in the calculation of the number of dwelling units allowed in an OSRD.

1. The development may be awarded a number of additional 1 or 2 bedroom dwelling units equal to fifty percent (50%) of the number of proposed 1 or 2 bedroom principal dwelling units allowed under the yield plan.
2. If such additional density is allowed, the 1 & 2 bedroom dwelling units upon which the calculation is based and those 1 & 2 bedroom dwelling units awarded as a bonus shall be subject to deed restrictions restricting them to 1 or 2 bedroom dwellings and prohibiting the construction of an associated accessory dwelling unit.

K. **DIMENSIONAL CONTROLS FOR OSRD TRACT:**

1. **Frontage:** The minimum frontage for a tract on which an OSRD is proposed shall be a contiguous one-hundred (100) feet and of sufficient length to provide safe access for a right-of-way of at least fifty (50) feet.
2. **Setbacks:** There shall be a minimum setback of seventy-five (75) feet along all property boundaries of the tract for all structures, including accessory structures, parking areas, driveways and internal streets. Entrance streets connecting the OSRD to the external street system may cross the setback area.
3. **Buffers:**
  - a. A landscaped buffer no less than fifty (50) feet deep shall be provided where appropriate to screen the development from public streets and adjacent properties. Entrance streets connecting the OSRD to the external street system may cross the buffer area. The natural vegetation shall be retained whenever possible. If the natural vegetation is not sufficient to serve as an effective visual screen, landscaping shall be required to provide such a screen. Landscaping may include berms and/or decorative fencing of an appropriate height, and shall be installed under the conditions set forth in the Bennington Subdivision Regulations.

- b. This buffer area shall be part of the common area, and shall be subject to the same restrictions that apply to that area.
- c. Frontage lands on streets existing at the time of application shall be preserved as buffers to the maximum extent possible in addition to all required setbacks.

L. DIMENSIONAL CONTROLS FOR LOTS IN SUBDIVISION:

- 1. Lots on pre-existing town streets: For each lot developed along a public street existing at the time of application, the minimum frontage, minimum lot size, and all other dimensional controls shall be those which are required in the underlying zoning district in which the OSRD is located.
- 2. Frontage on New Subdivision Streets: In the interest of flexibility and creative site designs, there shall be no minimum frontage requirements for individual lots on new subdivision streets within an OSRD.
- 3. Lot size for lots using a community waste water system: In the interest of flexibility and creative site designs, there is no minimum lot size for lots within an OSRD that use a community waste water system. All developments shall contain some form of lot delineation or lines that designate a reasonable amount of land attributable to each lot taking into consideration the type of structure(s) on that lot and as acceptable to the Planning Board.
- 4. Lot size for lots proposed to have individual septic systems: For those lots proposed to have individual septic systems, the following requirements must be met:
  - a. The soil based carrying capacity of the lot must be equal to the number of proposed dwelling units for that lot. Allowances may be made for dwelling units of less than 4 bedrooms, per the Bennington Subdivision Regulations.
  - b. A lot must contain a minimum area of at least 20,000 square feet of contiguous non-wetland area per proposed dwelling unit, exclusive of setbacks, and must meet all other requirements of the Bennington Zoning Ordinance pertaining to septic system design and location. The contiguous non-wetland area must be able to contain a square with a minimum dimension as follows:

Size of Required Contiguous  
Non-wetland Area

Minimum Dimension

20,000 sq. ft.

75 ft.



40,000 sq. ft.

100 ft.

60,000 sq. ft.

125 ft.

for every additional 20,000 sq. ft.

an additional 25 ft.

5. Setbacks: In the interest of flexibility and creative site designs, there shall be no minimum setback requirements for individual house lots within an OSRD.

M. DRIVEWAYS AND STREETS:

1. All subdivisions using the OSRD provisions shall include the construction of an entrance street providing access to the development from a junction with a public street. This street shall be built in accordance with the Bennington Subdivision Regulations. Wherever possible, taking into consideration conservation and space limitation of the individual parcel, such street shall be of a design such that there is only one entrance onto any public street in existence at the time of application. Whenever possible, the entrance street to the development shall be located such that the maximum distance attainable can be provided on each side of the street to protect neighboring homes from traffic.
2. The design of the street network shall provide for access to adjacent developed areas, or shall reserve right-of-ways for future connection to adjacent properties which, in the judgment of the Planning Board, are likely to be developed. This objective shall be secondary to the goal of protecting the open space.
3. Internal streets in an OSRD may be considered for design waivers in accordance with the Bennington Subdivision Regulations. The Planning Board may deny any and all of these waivers where future connections to other streets is reasonably possible or anticipated.
4. All driveways, including those for lots fronting on public streets existing at the time of application, shall be located on an internal subdivision street.

N. COMMUNITY WATER AND WASTE WATER SYSTEMS: An OSRD may include a community or common water and/or waste water system for individual households. Such systems shall be installed by the subdivider and shall be installed under the conditions set forth in the Bennington Subdivision Regulations. Community waste water systems shall be located in the common area unless the Planning Board determines they may be located in the Open Space.



O. OWNERSHIP OF OPEN SPACE AND COMMON LAND:

1. The developer shall hold, manage and maintain open space, common land and common facilities within an OSRD until completion of all improvements, whereupon the developer shall transfer the ownership and management and maintenance responsibilities as set forth in Subsections O.2 and 3.
2. Common areas and common facilities within an OSRD shall be owned by and bound by a homeowner's or condominium association or similar form of common ownership set by the developer. Membership in said association shall be mandatory for property owners and made a required covenant in any deed issued or passed. Articles of association or incorporation must be acceptable to the Planning Board and to the Town Counsel. The requirements for the homeowners association shall be as set forth in the Bennington Subdivision Regulations.
3. Common Open Space shall be owned by one or a combination of the following:
  - a. A homeowner's or condominium association or similar form of common ownership set by the developer;
  - b. A conservation trust or private nonprofit organization such as the Society for the Protection of NH Forests, The Audubon Society, or the Monadnock Conservancy, which has as its purpose the preservation of open space through ownership and control;
  - c. The Town of Bennington, subject to acceptance by the town, which shall maintain the land as open space for the benefit of the general public of Bennington;
  - d. The State of New Hampshire for permanent open space uses;
  - e. A private landowner such as a farmer or forest manager that will manage it for uses consistent with the provisions of this ordinance.
4. Any Estate Lot may retain open space in private ownership subject to the approval of the Planning Board.

P. PERMANENT PROTECTION OF OPEN SPACE: All open space in an OSRD, whether held privately or in common, shall be restricted in perpetuity as open space through the use of conservation easements that legally restrict the development rights to that property.

1. The easement may be so worded as to permit or restrict public access, to allow or disallow recreational development, and similar provisions.

2. The burden of the Easement conveyed hereby shall run with the Property and shall be enforceable against all future owners and tenants in perpetuity; the benefits of this Easement shall not be appurtenant to any particular parcel of land but shall be in gross and assignable or transferable only to the State of New Hampshire, the U.S. Government, or the Town of Bennington, consistent with Section 170(c)(1) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended or to any qualified organization within the meaning of Section 170(h)(3) of said Code, which organization has among its purposes the conservation and preservation of land and water areas and agrees to and is capable of enforcing the Purposes of this Easement. Any such assignee or transferee shall have like power of assignment or transfer.

- Q. ENFORCEMENT: The enforcement of this Article is vested with the Board of Selectmen. Upon any well-founded information that this Article is being violated, the Selectmen shall, within 14 days, undertake such steps as are legally available to them pursuant to RSA 676:15, 17, 17-a, 17-b.
- R. SEVERABILITY: The invalidity of any provision of this Article shall not affect the validity of any other provision, nor any prior decisions made on the basis of the valid provisions of this Article.
- S. EFFECTIVE DATE: This Article shall take effect upon its passage, and as amended.”

**Note:** The Section XII of the Bennington Subdivision Regulations will also need to be amended to reflect the new Article XII – Open Space Residential Development in the Zoning Ordinance.

# Births Registered in the Town of Bennington for the Year Ended December 31, 2003

| <u>Date of Birth</u> | <u>Child's Name</u>       | <u>Place of Birth</u> | <u>Name of Father and Mother</u> |
|----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
| 02/06/03             | Jessica Ann Hoyt          | Concord, NH           | William and Kelly Hoyt           |
| 05/02/03             | Shawn Patrick Clements    | Nashua, NH            | Jamie and Tara Clements          |
| 05/04/03             | Jonas MacWilliam Ingram   | Peterborough, NH      | Jon and Kristin Ingram           |
| 05/05/03             | Madelynn Frances Plourde  | Peterborough, NH      | Scott and Karen Plourde          |
| 06/01/03             | Fiona Elizabeth Clough    | Peterborough, NH      | Christopher and Shelagh Clough   |
| 06/10/03             | Grace Marion Cleary       | Peterborough, NH      | James and Carol Cleary           |
| 07/11/03             | Austin Kobe Davis         | Peterborough, NH      | Nicholas and Tasha Davis         |
| 08/03/03             | Shevonne Ruby MacKeigan   | Bennington, NH        | Matthew and Laurie MacKeigan     |
| 08/15/03             | Ethan Cole Charlonne      | Peterborough, NH      | Jonathan and Amy Charlonne       |
| 08/18/03             | Jeremiah Donald Hardwick  | Concord, NH           | David and Amy Hardwick           |
| 10/19/03             | Delaney Catherine Sweeney | Concord, NH           | James and Nancy Sweeney          |
| 10/30/03             | Devin Marrae Moorehead    | Peterborough, NH      | David and Gail Moorehead         |
| 11/01/03             | Holden Percy Stephenson   | Keene, NH             | Cory and Christopher Stephenson  |
| 11/07/03             | Mary Quintanilha          | Peterborough, NH      | Wagner and Linda Quintanilha     |
| 12/15/03             | John Charles Dalphond     | Concord, NH           | John and Lisa Dalphond           |

I hereby certify that the above is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief  
*Debra Belcher, Town Clerk*

# Deaths Registered in the Town of Bennington for the Year Ending December 31, 2003

| <u>Date of Death</u> | <u>Name of Deceased</u> | <u>Place of Death</u> | <u>Name of Father</u> | <u>Maiden Name of Mother</u> |
|----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| 01/04/03             | Philip Stapf            | Hillsborough, NH      | Julius Stapf          | Helene Schmidt               |
| 01/07/03             | Muriel F. Bowker        | Peterborough, NH      | Arthur Bell           | Elizabeth Cashion            |
| 01/21/03             | Phebe R. Whittemore     | Manchester, NH        | Louis Champney        | Laura Moore                  |
| 02/10/03             | Sidney A. Huntington    | Peterborough, NH      | Rodney Huntington     | Hattie Rockwell              |
| 02/21/03             | Athlon S. Huntley       | Peterborough, NH      | George Huntley        | Lottie Duncanson             |
| 03/16/03             | Mae E. Newhall          | Peterborough, NH      | Lloyd Chamberlain     | Mary Parker                  |
| 04/02/03             | Roger E. Magoon         | Bennington, NH        | George Magoon         | Agnes Richards               |
| 04/20/03             | Randall M. Lyons        | Hillsborough, NH      | Richard Lyons         | Ardelle Wolfe                |
| 06/17/03             | Atheleah G. Hutchinson  | Peterborough, NH      | George Edwards        | Caroline Hoffman             |
| 06/20/03             | Alfred J. Willette      | Bennington, NH        | Alfred Willette       | Clara LaChance               |
| 06/22/03             | Andrew D. Whalen        | Bennington, NH        | Frank Austin          | Laurie Smith                 |
| 06/29/03             | Katherine A. Richardson | Bennington, NH        | Gordon Johnson        | Evelyn Jackson               |
| 12/03/03             | Nancy J. Champagne      | Peterborough, NH      | John Holden           | Violet Krept                 |
| 12/27/03             | Rachael E. Perry        | Lebanon, NH           | Michael Perry         | Susan Smith                  |

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# Marriages Registered in the Town of Bennington for the Year Ending December 31, 2003

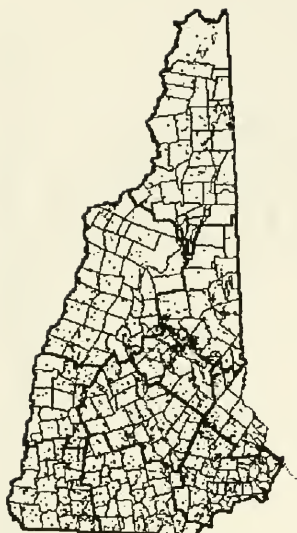
| <u>Date of Ceremony</u> | <u>Name of Bride &amp; Groom</u>            | <u>Residence</u>                   |
|-------------------------|---|------------------------------------|
| 01/03/03                | Amy B. Smith<br>Michael A. Call             | Bennington, NH<br>Bennington, NH   |
| 03/15/03                | Carol A. Roy<br>Edward K. Chevalier         | Bennington, NH<br>Bennington, NH   |
| 03/16/03                | Cheryl A. Baldwin<br>Robert S. Jessie       | Bennington, NH<br>Bennington, NH   |
| 04/26/03                | Sheryl A. Dorr<br>Gregory S. Brown          | Bennington, NH<br>Schenectady, NY  |
| 05/14/03                | Amanda L. Swett<br>David J. Koziell         | Bennington, NH<br>Peterborough, NH |
| 05/31/03                | Fiona R. Higgins<br>Shamar L. Nixon         | Bennington, NH<br>Bennington, NH   |
| 06/21/03                | Susan E. Levan<br>Michael J. Crowe          | Nashua, NH<br>Bennington, NH       |
| 07/12/03                | Queen G. Brown<br>Donald R. McEathron       | Bennington, NH<br>Bennington, NH   |
| 07/19/03                | Michele Lord<br>Paul J. Dugre               | Bennington, NH<br>Antrim, NH       |
| 07/19/03                | Sylvia M. Morley<br>Mark A. Castellano      | Bennington, NH<br>Bennington, NH   |
| 08/09/03                | Katherine L. Dole<br>Donald J. Warner       | Bennington, NH<br>Bennington, NH   |
| 09/07/03                | Melissa J. Podsadowski<br>Joshua K. Stewart | Bennington, NH<br>Bennington, NH   |

# Marriages Registered in the Town of Bennington for the Year Ending December 31, 2003

| <u>Date of Ceremony</u> | <u>Name of Bride &amp; Groom</u>                  | <u>Residence</u>                    |
|-------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| 09/27/03                | Kathy L. Krieger<br>Timothy P. Chapman            | Bennington, NH<br>Bennington, NH    |
| 10/04/03                | Amanda R. King<br>Thomas M. Mueller               | Bennington, NH<br>Lawrenceville, GA |
| 10/11/03                | Catherine J. Livingston<br>Darren P. Courtemarche | Bennington, NH<br>Bennington, NH    |
| 12/05/03                | Beth Vertie Riddle<br>Mickey D. Lee               | Bennington, NH<br>Bennington, NH    |
| 12/20/03                | Sarah C. Hildebrand<br>Lawrence J. Malloy         | Bennington, NH<br>Swansey, NH       |

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# Bennington, NH

Incorporated: 1842

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City/Town Office Hours: Monday through Thursday, 9 am - 4 pm

County: Hillsborough  
Labor Market Area: Peterborough  
Planning Commission: Southwest Region  
Tourism Region: Monadnock

**Demographics, 2000 Census:** From 1990 to 2000, Bennington's population grew by 13.4 percent to 1,401, a numeric increase of 165. The median age is 35.1, with 28.6 percent under the age of 18 and 8.1 percent age 65 and older. The total number of households is 552, with an average size of 2.5 persons. Of those, 356 are family households, with an average size of 3.2 persons. As of April 1, 2000, there were 635 total housing units.

**Population density, 2002:** 124.6 persons per square mile of land area. Bennington contains 11.4 square miles of land area and 0.2 square miles of inland water area.

**Origin:** Taken from portions of Hancock, Greenfield, Deering, and Francess town, the town was named in commemoration of the Battle of Bennington, fought on August 14-16, 1777, near Bennington, Vermont. Vermont's Bennington was named for Governor Benning Wentworth, who was responsible for naming many towns in New Hampshire and Vermont.



Hillsborough County

**MUNICIPAL SERVICES**

City/Town Office Hours:  
M-Th 9-4 pm

|                              |                |
|------------------------------|----------------|
| Type of Government           | Selectmen      |
| Annual Budget (2003)         | \$1,081,415    |
| Planning Board               | Elected        |
| Industrial Plans Reviewed By | Planning Board |
| Zoning Ordinance             | 1986/03        |
| Master Plan                  | 1990           |
| Capital Improvement Plan     | Yes            |

Public Library **G E P Dodge**

**EMERGENCY SERVICES**

|                            |           |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| Police Department          | Full-time |
| Fire Department            | Volunteer |
| Town Fire Insurance Rating | 5/9       |
| Emergency Medical Service  | Volunteer |

Nearest Hospital(s):

**Monadnock Community, Peterborough**

Distance: 11 miles

Staffed Beds: 62

**PROPERTY TAXES**

|                          |         |
|--------------------------|---------|
| 2002 Total Tax Rate      | \$25.70 |
| 2002 Equalization Ratio  | 81.6    |
| 2002 Full Value Tax Rate | \$20.81 |

|                          |             |       |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------|
| 2002 Property Valuation: | Residential | 82.2% |
|                          | Commercial  | 12.7% |
|                          | Other       | 5.1%  |

**UTILITIES**

|                      |                        |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| Electric Supplier    | PSNH                   |
| Natural Gas Supplier | None                   |
| Water Supplier       | Bennington Water Dept. |

|                                      |           |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| Sanitation                           | Municipal |
| Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant | No        |
| Curbside Trash Pickup                | No        |
| Mandatory Recycling Program          | No        |

|                                    |             |
|------------------------------------|-------------|
| Telephone Company                  | MCT Telecom |
| Cellular Telephone Access          | Yes         |
| Cable Television Access            | Yes         |
| High Speed Cable Internet Service  |             |
| Business Cable Internet Service    | unknown     |
| Residential Cable Internet Service | unknown     |

**HOUSING**

|                                      |          |
|--------------------------------------|----------|
| 2001 Total Housing Units             | 649      |
| 2001 Single-Family Units             | 469      |
| Building Permits Issued              | 9        |
| 2001 Multi-Family Units              | 137      |
| Building Permits Issued              | 0        |
| 2001 Manufactured Housing Units      | 43       |
| 2000 Census Housing Costs            |          |
| Median Value, Owner-Occupied Housing | \$95,600 |
| Median Gross Rent (monthly)          | \$630    |

**DEMOGRAPHICS**

| Total Population | Community | County  |
|------------------|-----------|---------|
| 2001             | 1,415     | 388,762 |
| 2000             | 1,401     | 380,841 |
| 1990             | 1,236     | 336,073 |
| 1980             | 890       | 276,608 |
| 1970             | 639       | 223,941 |

**2000 Census Demographics**

| Population by Gender |     |            |
|----------------------|-----|------------|
| Male                 | 692 | Female 709 |

| Population by Age Group |            |
|-------------------------|------------|
| Under age 5             | 84         |
| Age 5 to 19             | 356        |
| Age 20 to 34            | 258        |
| Age 35 to 54            | 486        |
| Age 55 to 64            | 104        |
| Age 65 and over         | 113        |
| Median Age              | 35.1 years |

|                  |     |           |             |
|------------------|-----|-----------|-------------|
| Total Households | 552 | Ave. Size | 2.5 persons |
| Total Families   | 356 | Ave. Size | 3.2 persons |

| Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over |       |
|--|-------|
| High school graduate or higher                       | 87.1% |
| Bachelor's degree or higher                          | 24.8% |

**ANNUAL INCOME, 1999 (US CENSUS)**

|                               |          |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| Per capita income             | \$19,675 |
| Median 4-person family income | \$52,153 |
| Median household income       | \$46,150 |

| Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers |          |
|--|----------|
| Male   | \$34,063 |
| Female   | \$26,734 |

|                                  |      |
|----------------------------------|------|
| Families below the poverty level | 8.4% |
|----------------------------------|------|

**TRANSPORTATION**

| Road Access              | Federal Routes | 202         |
|--------------------------|----------------|-------------|
|                          | State Routes   | 31, 47, 123 |
| Nearest Interstate, Exit | I-293, Exit 4  |             |
| Distance                 | 32 miles       |             |

|                       |    |
|-----------------------|----|
| Railroad              | No |
| Public Transportation | No |

| Nearest Airport | Keene                  |
|-----------------|------------------------|
| Runway          | 6,201 feet             |
| Lighted? Yes    | Navigational Aids? Yes |

| Nearest Commercial Airport | Manchester |
|----------------------------|------------|
| Distance                   | 38 miles   |

**DISTANCE TO**

|                   |           |
|-------------------|-----------|
| Manchester, NH    | 30 miles  |
| Portland, ME      | 138 miles |
| Boston, MA        | 83 miles  |
| New York City, NY | 249 miles |
| Montreal, Quebec  | 260 miles |

**EDUCATION/CHILD CARE FACILITIES**

|                     |            |                    |             |                   |
|---------------------|------------|--------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Primary & Secondary | Elementary | Middle/Junior High | High School | Private/Parochial |
| Number of Schools   | 1          |                    |             |                   |
| Grade Levels        | K-4        |                    |             |                   |
| Total Enrollment    | 94         |                    |             |                   |

If no schools, district students attend: **Contoocook Valley Regional, Peterborough**  
 Regional Career Technology Center(s): **Contoocook Valley Regional High School**

Distance: **10 miles**  
 Region: **14**

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2003: Total Facilities: **1** Total Capacity: **12**

Nearest Community/Technical College: **Manchester; Concord**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **New England**

| LARGEST EMPLOYERS              | PRODUCT/SERVICE           | EMPLOYEES | ESTABLISHED |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Monadnock Paper Mills, Inc.    | Printing specialty papers | 235       | 1819        |
| Pierce Elementary School       | Education                 |           |             |
| Bennington Country Store       | Convenience store         |           |             |
| Harris's 202 Convenience Store | Convenience store         |           |             |
| Alberto's Restaurant           | Food service              |           |             |
| Town of Bennington             | Municipal services        |           |             |

**LABOR FORCE**

|                      |      |      |
|----------------------|------|------|
| Annual Average       | 1992 | 2002 |
| Civilian labor force | 621  | 782  |
| Employed             | 593  | 756  |
| Unemployed           | 28   | 26   |
| Unemployment rate    | 4.5% | 3.3% |

**COMMUTING TO WORK**

(US CENSUS)

|                            |       |
|----------------------------|-------|
| Workers 16 years and over  |       |
| Drove alone, car/truck/van | 83.0% |
| Carpooled, car/truck/van   | 11.0% |
| Public transportation      | 0.3%  |
| Walked                     | 2.8%  |
| Other means                | 1.3%  |
| Worked at home             | 1.6%  |

Mean Travel Time to Work **23.7 minutes**

**EMPLOYMENT & WAGES**

2001 2002

|                                |       |         |
|--------------------------------|-------|---------|
| Goods Producing                |       |         |
| Average Employment             | n     | 273     |
| Average Weekly Wage            | n     | \$1,125 |
| Service Providing              |       |         |
| Average Employment             | n     | 85      |
| Average Weekly Wage            | n     | \$249   |
| Total Private Industry         |       |         |
| Average Employment             | 330   | 358     |
| Average Weekly Wage            | \$896 | \$917   |
| Government                     |       |         |
| Average Employment             | 24    | 24      |
| Average Weekly Wage            | \$407 | \$406   |
| Total, Private plus Government |       |         |
| Average Employment             | 354   | 382     |
| Average Weekly Wage            | \$862 | \$885   |

n = indicates that data does not meet disclosure standards

**RECREATIONAL FACILITIES**

- X Municipal Parks
- YMCA/YWCA
- Boys Club/Girls Club
- Golf Courses
- Swimming: Indoor Facility
- X Swimming: Outdoor Facility
- Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
- Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
- Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
- Bowling Facilities
- Museums
- Cinemas
- Performing Arts Facilities
- X Tourist Attractions
- Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
- X Youth Sports: Baseball
- X Youth Sports: Soccer
- Youth Sports: Football
- Youth Sports: Basketball
- Youth Sports: Hockey
- Campgrounds
- X Fishing/Hunting
- Boating/Marinas
- X Snowmobile Trails
- Bicycle Trails
- Cross Country Skiing
- Nearest Ski Area(s): **Crotched Mountain**
- Other:

## **TOWN OF BENNINGTON**

### **TOWN OFFICE HOURS 588-2189**

|               |  |
|---------------|--|
| Town Hall     | Monday - Thursday<br>9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.   |
| Tax Collector | Available during Town Hall office hours  |
| Town Clerk    | Monday: 9:00 a.m. to noon<br>Tuesday: 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.<br>Thursday: 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.<br>Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to noon |

### **MEETING SCHEDULES**

|                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| Selectmen         | Every Tuesday at 5:00 p.m.                              |
| Planning Board    | Second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.                |
| Library Trustees  | First Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Library |
| Water/Sewer Com.  | First Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.                |
| Recreation Com.   | Second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.             |
| Conservation Com. | Third Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.               |
| Cemetery Trustees | Second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.               |

### **LIBRARY HOURS 588-6585**

|          |   |
|----------|---|
| Monday   | 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.                         |
| Tuesday  | 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.                         |
| Thursday | Noon - 8:00 p.m.                              |
| Friday   | Noon - 5:00 p.m.                              |
| Sunday   | 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. (staffed by volunteers) |

### **RECYCLING/TRANSFER STATION HOURS 588-3407**

|           |                       |
|-----------|-----------------------|
| Wednesday | 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. |
| Saturday  | 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. |
| Sunday    | 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. |



## ROGER MAGOON

It is with great sadness that we mark the passing of Roger Magoon in 2003. A WWII veteran, he lived in Bennington for over 50 years. He owned and operated Magoon Construction for 37 years – many will remember seeing him remove snow from the downtown area after a snowstorm. Roger served several terms as a Bennington Selectman and was an active member of the Planning Board and Historical Society. He was also a coach for Bennington's Babe Ruth teams for many years.

An avid reader, Roger's great passion was for airplanes and flying. He held his private pilot's license for over 50 years.

Roger is greatly missed by all who had the good fortune to know him.





**WILLIAM B. REID**

After ten years of exemplary service to the Town of Bennington, Administrator Bill Reid retired at the end of June. While employed with the Town, Bill was the consummate professional: diplomatic, compassionate and thorough. Although his presence is greatly missed by all, those who had the pleasure of working with him think of him often and with great affection. We wish Bill and his family health, happiness, and total enjoyment of his well-earned "time off".

